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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### The Fruits of Our Labor

by Mitzi Grasso

**T**hose of you who read the newspapers might have noticed already that it has been another interesting and productive month for the League. I'm delighted to be able to outline for you a number of successes that we have achieved, the effects of which will be very clear. At the same time, I'd like to ask for your support in helping get police officers a louder voice among the decision-makers of Los Angeles.

#### Reforming the Discipline System

First, let me say how pleased I am to report that Chief Parks has agreed to work with the League to jointly develop disciplinary guidelines. This is a major first step toward accomplishing something that has long been a major League objective — eliminating the subjective, arbitrary, inconsistent and unfair way in which the Department tends to handle disciplinary matters. I will keep you all posted on developments as the process unfolds. Suffice it to say that this is a significant step by the Department in the direction of improving morale, helping retain good officers and ensuring fairness for all.

#### Deferred Retirement

**W**e are also making encouraging progress to create a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). I am delighted to announce that this will now appear on the April ballot. If voters approve, the DROP will give our most highly experienced officers a strong incentive to continue working for LAPD rather than retiring or moving to other departments. The city benefits greatly from retaining the experience and expertise of these long-time professionals, while the folks who take advantage of DROP earn a very large lump sum amount of money with which to start a whole new life. Like discipline reform, DROP is another huge win-win for everyone.

#### Pension Enhancements

**A**nother proposal that we have managed to place before the voters concerns pension enhancements. You'll be glad to know that the Council has approved putting on the June ballot a measure that allows officers to retire after 20 years and get 50% of their salary as a pension. What is particularly gratifying to the Board of Directors is that, if approved by the voters, this measure will mean that officers who retire with 33 years of service will receive 90% of their salary as a pension.

#### Los Angeles Times

On another note, the *Los Angeles Times* recently labeled me "a frequent critic" of Chief Parks. I have to take issue with this description and, indeed, I have written a letter to the reporter about this. I pointed out that, while the Chief and the League have different views on a number of very important issues, and while there are some things that he believes in that I will always criticize strongly, I respect him on a personal level and admire his many years of experience and dedication to the Department. It is important for those of us working for the best interests of League members that we remember that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable. Maintaining a good working relationship with the Department's leadership, even in the face of very tough issues and major policy disagreements, is very important. We have far more in common with the Department and its management than we have differences. Name-calling and personal attacks can only undermine our cause and must have no part in the League's strategy for the future.

#### Supporting Two of Our Own

**I**n the next two months, Los Angeles voters will go to the polls to begin the process of electing a new Mayor and City Councilmembers. For the first time ever, we have an opportunity to elect one but two of our League members and Directors to the L.A. City Council.

Dennis Zine is a candidate for Council from the 3rd District. Ken Hillman is running for the Council from the 15th District.

I cannot overemphasize how important it is to our future that these two outstanding candidates be elected to serve on the Council. They have both spent their entire working lives in service to the community as Los Angeles Police Officers and are both well known as men of outstanding integrity.

For years we have complained that the City Council doesn't understand what we deal with on the streets of Los Angeles. Imagine how different things could be with two of our own on the Council. As two former police officers, Dennis and Ken would be perfectly placed to explain to their Council colleagues and the media how things really work at the LAPD, how important it is to have good working conditions, and how vital it is that top management includes people who will listen to and act on the daily concerns of the folks on the front lines.

The opportunity to have that is here and now. But Dennis and Ken need financial

help to turn this opportunity into success. Council campaigns are expensive and, being police officers, Dennis and Ken aren't exactly wealthy guys.

Please consider writing a personal check for \$25, \$50 or \$100, or whatever you can afford for each of their campaigns. They will do a great job for you and for the city. They will never forget where they came from and they will always be available to hear your concerns in a way that only fellow officers can understand.

#### The Energy Crisis & the LAPD

**A**s everyone in California is painfully aware, our state is in the middle of the worst energy crisis it has ever known. We neglected to build any power plants for the last ten years while our electricity demands were growing at 3 to 8 percent a year. Now that we are on the verge of rolling blackouts, an almost permanent Stage 3 crisis, state government is finally waking up.

Governor Davis has proposed a sweeping energy conservation program that includes using the state's law enforcement community to enforce prohibitions against wasteful public uses of electric power. Under the Governor's emergency order, auto malls, shopping centers and other retailers who use excessive amounts of after-hours lighting could be fined \$1,000.00.

The League has taken the initiative of writing the Los Angeles City Council to suggest that the Council seek a \$2 million grant from the state to provide a special overtime budget for Los Angeles Police

Officers who wish to earn extra money working special energy efficiency details. Officers would be trained to work with businesses to reduce external energy usage without compromising employee or public safety and without increasing crime-related risks. Citations would be issued only as a last resort, when a business owner refuses to make any effort to cooperate and the violation is particularly outrageous.

We have not yet had a response from the Council. However, we believe our proposal presents a dual opportunity for League members to supplement their incomes and make a useful contribution to helping save the city and state from the dangers of rolling blackouts, which themselves represent a very serious threat to public health and safety.

#### Looking Forward

**A**s you can tell, it's been a busy month! But our efforts are paying off. All of the Board Members want you to know that we will continue to work hard to improve the conditions of police officers. While it is important to maintain a good working relationship with the Chief and the Department, in order to get results, those results will be our number one focus. We've made excellent progress, but we know we have much more to do. Be assured that we will keep you fully informed of our activities. In the meantime, let me close by urging you again to support Dennis Zine and Ken Hillman in their election efforts — so that they can be in a position to support all of us. ♦

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## Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament

On June 18, 2001, West Los Angeles Division will host the 3rd Annual Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament, at Mountain Gate Country Club located in West Los Angeles at 12445 Mountain Gate Drive.

Andy Voge graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy in July 1986. On August 27, 1998, Sergeant Voge passed away at the age of 36. Andy is survived by his wife Lisa and two young sons, Joey and Sam. The proceeds of the Golf Tournament will be used to benefit Andy's two young children. There will be a barbecue dinner following the Golf Tournament. The tournament is a shotgun start with a scramble format; prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Come out and support this worthwhile cause.

For more information, please contact Detective Ron Phillips at (310) 575-8408 or Lieutenant Jim Markoff at (310) 575-8441.



Andy Voge

## Home Ownership Assistance Program

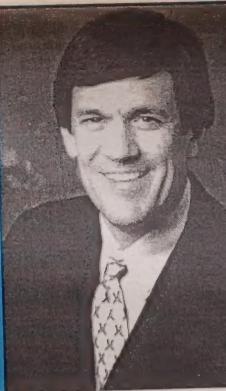
Recently I was reacquainted with the Home Ownership Assistance Program sponsored by the Los Angeles City Council, Mayor's Office, the Chief of Police and Fire Departments. The program provides home loans for officers and firefighters who purchase a home within the city limits of Los Angeles.

Two years ago Mayor Riordan, Chief Parks, Chief Bamattre and the Los Angeles Housing Department launched a program, which provided zero down payment home loans for police officers and firefighters. This program is in partnership with Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), and the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), and gives police officers and firefighters the opportunity to purchase a home with zero down payment.

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## Good News! Good News!

Active members enrolled in the League's Delta Dental Plans will have their rates reduced by one dollar a payday! Single members who are currently paying \$1 a payday will now pay nothing. Members with dependents, who are currently paying \$9.56 per payday, will now pay \$8.56 per payday. Look for this good news on your paychecks in March 2001.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Officer Lisa Vasquez, daughter of Sergeant II Chris



Pictured from left to right. Sergeant Chris Vasquez with daughter Lisa and North Hollywood Delegate Ramon Espinoza.



Pictured is Sergeant Chris Vasquez conducting inspection of daughter Lisa at her graduation ceremonies. Yeah, right.

Vasquez, North Hollywood Delegate, for her graduation from the Police Academy with the Class of July 2000.

## Medical Deductible

During MOU negotiations in May-June 2000, we were told through Police

Relief that our medical premiums under the Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Plan were going to increase 24%. Additionally, the City was requiring the member to pay a \$5 dollar co-pay for doctor's office visits before they would give any subsidy to offset the cost of medical premiums under Blue Cross Prudent Buyer. A 24% increase in our medical premiums was not acceptable as that would have absorbed our pay raise. The League was able to negotiate an additional subsidy to help offset the increase in the Blue Cross Plan. However, changes in the plan had to be made to reduce the projected increases. Police Relief met with Blue Cross on the changes and they were relayed to us to present to the membership. In making the changes, Police Relief and the League were able to reduce the family member's monthly contributions from \$87.50 to \$60.00, an approximate 30% reduction. To offset the additional cost of the \$5 co-pay, the League and Police Relief agreed and told the membership that the member's deductible would only apply to medical procedures or hospitalizations outside of the office visit. Here lies the problem. After January 1st of this

year I have been notified by members and had it happen to my family, that our deductibles have applied to office visits. I contacted Police Relief, who told me that apparently insurance companies' definitions of an office visit is going to the doctor's office and saying, "good morning." If any other procedure is done in the office, i.e., blood test, x-ray, etc., then the member's deductible kicks in. This is not acceptable! On February 2, 2001, the League's Executive Board and Police Relief had a meeting to correct this problem. Based on this and a subsequent meeting, the League and Police Relief believe the problem has been corrected. If the member believes his/her deductible has been incorrectly applied to a doctor's office visit, please contact Police Relief at (213)531-2303 or (888)252-7721, for a resolution. Additionally, if the member is not satisfied

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### Police Commission Meeting

The overall philosophy of those of us who are interested in improving training is that training should have a purpose. First, find out what the training needs are. In other words, what are the problems that need to be addressed by training. Then, design training to meet those needs. And finally, equally distribute the resources to officers throughout the state. Based on Gordon Graham's research, there are three areas that get officers into trouble.

- a. Use of Force - both lethal and non-lethal
- b. Emergency Vehicle Operations - driving
- c. Interpersonal Relations and Communications - mouth beers

If those are the problem areas that officers get into trouble - whether the results are a loss of life as shown in the study below or in the personnel complaint process - these three areas account for almost all personnel complaints, injuries or death.

### Job Task Analysis For Patrol Officers

A project to analyze the job of an entry level patrol officer was just completed. POST staff will continue to monitor trends in the police service and "continually reassess" the training needs of patrol officers and resultant modifications to the

Basic Recruit Course so as to meet those training needs.

### Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in the Line of Duty (LEOKA)

POST has another on-going project which is designed to study and analyze the deaths of officers who were killed in the line of duty. The most recent part of the continuing study, covering the years 1995-1999, was just completed. It is interesting to note that the data shows 79 percent of all fatalities result from uses of force and/or motor vehicle accidents.

### Perishable Skills Training Requirement

Directly connected to the Job Task Analysis and the LEOKA studies is a training requirement for patrol officers and supervisors. It is based on the theory of airline pilot training. They have regular, ongoing training in how to handle critical incidents such as how to handle an engine blow out, massive wind shear, etc. There are specific incidents that we can identify and train for in order to hone the skills of the most critical of all police functions, that of the patrol officer.

This requirement addresses specific problems for officers. The following four item statement is taken directly from a POST staff report:

1. Without periodic refresher training and practice, major psychomotor skills

(driving, shooting and self defense/arrest methods) diminish over time.

2. Refresher training in these skills may reduce officer citizen injuries or deaths, internal investigations, or liability.

3. Many California law enforcement agencies already recognize this training need and routinely provide it to their officers.

4. It is no coincidence that these core skills, when not periodically refreshed, frequently correlate to incidence of personnel complaints, officer injury, officer death, civilian injury, civilian death and resultant liability to law enforcement agencies. Accordingly, these four core skills were identified as lynch pins of safe and effective law enforcement operations.

POST regulations have been modified "to require all regular and specialized [first line peace officers and first line supervisors] assigned to patrol, traffic, or investigation who routinely effect the physical arrest of criminal suspects to complete a minimum of 12 hours in specified perishable skills..." The specific requirements are:

1. Arrest and Control -- 4 hours
2. Drive Training/Awareness of Drive Simulator -- 4 hours
3. Tactical Firearms or Force Options Simulator -- 4 hours
4. Communications (tactical and interpersonal) -- 2 hours

This training is specifically targeted at the areas where officers either get into trouble and get suspended and/or fired, or

where they get injured or killed. Based on the LEOKA study mentioned above, 79 percent of all officer fatalities are attributable to the "perishable skills" areas.

Finally, one of my main efforts as a POST Commissioner has been to redirect funds and other resources to this area. LAPD has received a Driver Training Simulator, an expensive upgrade to the simulator, over a hundred thousand dollars in use of force training aids such as new mats, red-man suit, simulated weapons, etc.

### Advisory Committee Appointment

Our friend Kevin Otto was appointed to the POST Advisory Board representing specialized officers. He is the VP of LA School Police Association.

### Master Instructor Development Program

Begun in 1991, this program is one of the most costly programs with little concrete results. There are few graduates and a very high dropout rate. Many of the graduates leave their training assignments immediately upon graduation and value to the agency and to POST is minimal.

### Trend to Train Civilians with POST Funds

There has been a trend to allocate POST training dollars to fund training for non-sworn personnel at the expense of sworn personnel. I have made it clear that no more programs should be started until the rank-and-file officers are fully trained.

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Your Defense Reps have been doing an outstanding job in representing you at Boards of Rights. They have been incredibly effective in investigating the cases before the Board of Rights starts. As a direct result they have been winning an incredible amount of Boards. This does however not endear them to the Department or Internal Affairs. We have also been fortunate enough to have several command staff officers with integrity willing to listen to the entire case and make a fair decision based upon the rules set up to protect your rights and get to the truth. With that in mind, several of those people have been made exempt from sitting on Boards of Rights, for various reasons, but the weakest reason of all was that this particular individual had a 1.28. I know this is shocking to you but it's true, even the command staff gets 1.28's; it's just the outcome that is different from you in most cases.

One of our best Defense Reps was picking a Board for some officers and he had the Advocate "Hang" the Board. This is one of your rights, and from this day forward I would strongly suggest that you assert this right. What this

means is that the Advocate takes every command officer and hangs their name on a board and when all the names are taken out of the box and put on the board all the names should be covered. If they are not, something is wrong and we are all trained investigators so you should recognize this right away. In this particular case, one name--Captain Curreri was missing.

If you remember a couple of months ago I wrote about how Captains Curreri and Tatreau along with civilian Donna Wade had made comments about Perez's credibility. Curreri has received a 1.28 stemming from that incident, Tatreau was passed over again for promotion and Donna Wade has been "struck" from sitting on Boards of Rights almost every time her name comes up. All things that I predicted would happen have. But so what? How does that affect you. These three individuals are all people that played by the rules and made rulings based upon the evidence that was presented. They did the job correctly and fairly. Incidentally, Captain Tatreau has been exempted from sitting on Boards of Rights as he is currently negotiating the command officers' contract. The League does not believe that they can exempt him or Captain Bonneau for these reasons and although we support them in their efforts to get a contract, not at the expense of our members.

Back to the story. The Defense Rep questioned where Captain Curreri's name was and the "Head" advocate Lt. Fabian Lizzaraga had the answer. The name was removed because he had a pending complaint and could no longer be picked for Boards of Rights. Apparently it was a new policy that nobody except Lt. Lizzaraga knew about, and that included Captain Curreri. I spoke to Chief Gascon about this incident and he was rather vague on it but I believe that our side was crystal clear. If a command officer could not be picked for a Board of Rights if they had pending 1.28's, potentially all command officers could be exempt, especially those that are bad Board picks. The very next day Captain Curreri was put back in the pool of eligible command officers to be picked for Boards of Rights. I applaud Chief Gascon for his immediate attention to this issue and for taking time to listen.

If you are still reading you should be asking yourself, why do they care? It's simple, it's a win at all cost thing for some people in Internal Affairs. Their motto is to "get to the truth of the matter." Unfortunately these are just words with no meaning to many in that Division. Don't get me wrong, I know a lot of good people working in Internal Affairs, but this incident was wrong and I believe it was worse than that, it was misconduct and it was dishonest. That being the case, it becomes a Brady issue. Remember we just want to get to the truth of the matter.

### The Campaign Trail

We are very close to the April elections and some extremely important races will be decided at that time. Remember that we have two of our Directors running for City Council. The election of Ken Hillman and Dennis P. Zine is crucial to all of our futures. We have also endorsed Lea Purwin D'Agostino for City Attorney. You might ask yourself, why should I care about the City Attorney race? It's simple; the City Attorney directly impacts you when you are sued for doing your job. The City Attorney makes decisions as to the settlement of cases, and this in turn could impact the

outcome of a personnel complaint. The current City Attorney has settled all kinds of cases arising out of the Perez Scandal and spent millions of taxpayer dollars without ever doing an investigation. You can bet if he is elected as Mayor, you will be the people paying those settlements in the next contract. Support those people that the League has endorsed, as they will directly impact your future. All three of these people need your help and I have said before but it needs to be said again. They need MONEY. I am not asking you to give an astronomical amount of money; \$5-\$10 dollars from each of you would be a tremendous boost. Remember that individually we are weak; collectively we are one of the most powerful groups of people in the City. Let's get behind our people in a big way and make a difference in City government.

### It's The Law

Section 3306.5 of the Police Officers Bill of Rights, Public Safety Officers personnel records.

This section deals with you having the right to view what is in your personnel package. Subsection (a) basically gives you the right to view your personnel package while on duty. Subsection (b) talks about the Department making your personnel package available to you. Subsection (c) gives you the right to challenge anything in your package by writing a description of any corrections or deletions from your personnel package and the reasons supporting those corrections or deletions. That document then becomes a permanent part of your package. Subsection (d) says that the Department shall grant (your request) within 30 days of receiving your request to change something in your package or notify you of the decision to refuse your request and why.

This is an important addition to the law and I encourage all of you to check your package at least once a year and especially if you plan on promoting or move to a specialized unit. For more information on this section please look it up and know your rights.

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## TOUGH TIMES, BRIGHT FUTURE?

PETER REPOVICH

**Headlines, "MAYOR: FIX LAPD NOW."** I like the headlines in the Daily News article dated, Tuesday, February 6, 2001. The question remains, is this a call to action or something less. My belief is that Mayor Riordan is at his wits end with the people who say why we can't and wonders where the people are who say; yes we can, how far and when. The firing of the Police Commission President, Gerald Chaleff was a bold step at the end of the Mayor's administration. To me this signals that the Mayor realizes that if bold steps are not taken immediately that deal with the morale of the Los Angeles Police Department we will be in serious trouble. Crime is on the rise, officers are leaving in alarming numbers, and the Department is unable to recruit new hires.

The city has made a fundamental mistake in not allowing the Police Protective League to be a part of the reform effort. The Board of Directors could have assisted the city and the Department in enhancing morale and affecting crime.

I thank Mr. Chaleff for his years of service, although I fundamentally disagree with his reform efforts. We must now work to assist the Department and the Mayor in revamping the morale and well-being of our rank-and-file officers. Together we can bring about the kind of changes necessary to restore the luster.

keep the citizens of Los Angeles safer, and enable our officers to do their job in a less punitive environment.

The first thing we need to do is reform the disciplinary system, to find a middle ground that doesn't make everyone a suspect. Police officers like anyone else, just want to work in a healthy environment, they want to do an already difficult job, and at the end of the day, know that the Department is going to back them up. I think this is also what the citizens of Los Angeles want and deserve, they know that a healthier police department enhances our ability to fight crime, and provide the kind of safety and security that is so important to our economy and well-being.

I attended a Police Commission sub-committee meeting yesterday with now-President, Raquelle de la Rocha, and Commissioner Warren Jackson. I have to say that I was impressed by the open dialogue, and the commitment of the Mayor's office to bring about fundamental change and fairness. The Department is drafting a serious change in the disciplinary process that will come about fairly rapidly. To have a seat at the table from the start can bring about the kind of change we can help one another with. I am confident that change is near, and that fundamental fairness and common sense will be a part of that change.

Second, we must continually strive to

enhance the pay and benefits of our officers. Pension reform is critical in order to compete with other departments and the economy. We can no longer think that just because we are LAPD that recruitment will happen. Bob Baker, Cliff Ruff, and Mitzi Grasso have been working very hard on pension reform, and it is my belief that good things will happen.

Third, some form of compressed work schedule must be accomplished, I call on the city to be honest, to please take into consideration the fact that a CWS will save the taxpayers millions, and enable police officers to have work schedules that allow them to be more productive, yet attain more quality family time. There is a reason that every police agency in the county of Los Angeles except LAPD has CWS.

Fourth, in my opinion the consent decree is off base. The Protective League, if there is to be a consent decree, should be part of that process. Let's be honest, are the reforms talked about really necessary, and is everyone in leadership roles just going along

because it's the political correct position to come from? At some point we have to stand up and fight for what is right. Police officers are not against reform; they are against burdensome, unnecessary, costly, and punitive outside control. Everyone knows by now that the Perez incident is not a widespread corruption problem. Yes, we can do things differently, and we are, but let's be mindful of what is right for the Police Department, the officers, and the people of Los Angeles.

It is my belief that we will have meaningful reform that addresses the issues that are essential to all of the hard-working dedicated men and women of our Department. We must remain positive in our approach, have patience, and understand that sometimes it is important to hit bottom before you can start the come back. My fellow Directors and I are working hard to get our message out, and to improve communication between all city leaders so that nothing gets in the way of results!

Thank you for your time.

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## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



### District Attorney Rescinds "Brady" Policy

Back in November of last year, the League was joined by twenty one (21) other county police associations in filing a lawsuit in Superior Court to challenge the policies announced by former District Attorney Gil Garcetti in his Special Directive 00-01. Among other things, this directive required county prosecutors to gather, investigate and disclose allegations of misconduct against any police officer who was or may be called to testify on behalf of the prosecution in a criminal case. As such, an officer could have been investigated by a prosecutor even after he or she had been fully exonerated of any wrongdoing, or the charges found to be without merit by the employing police agency. The League and the other police associations therefore sought judicial relief to prevent implementation of the new policy as it was proposed by Mr. Garcetti.

In a victory for the principle of equal justice for all, we are pleased that newly elected District Attorney Steve Cooley has rescinded Special Directive 00-01 issued by his predecessor. We welcomed this eminently sensible decision. Garcetti's special directive was worse than ridiculous, it was dangerous because it threatened to destroy the bal-

ance between police officers' constitutional and statutory rights and the rights of criminal defendants to a fair trial. That's why the League brought a lawsuit to challenge it.

While the District Attorney has rescinded this special directive, he has formed a task force to study "Brady" related issues and develop a new policy. Neither the League nor any of the other police organizations who joined our lawsuit was invited to participate in this task force. Therefore, unless we can arrive at a mutually acceptable policy with the District Attorney, the League and the other police associations will have no other alternative but to continue to pursue our case in the courts.

The League will always support any measure that protects and asserts the right to a fair trial, but we will certainly do so when such a measure tramples on other rights. Statutory mechanisms, such as the "Pitchess" motions found in the Evidence Code, already exist to ensure that criminal defendants have access to relevant information about an officer who is a material witness in a criminal case that might assist them in a trial. Fundamentally, we at the League strongly believe that it is wrong that allegations of misconduct against police officers, which may have been found

baseless, could be disseminated without those concerned being given any chance to present their side of an incident and protect the information in their personnel files. While we are greatly encouraged by the speed with which the new District Attorney has rejected one of Garcetti's final idiocy, we at the League will continue to be vigilant for the rights of rank-and-file police officers. We ask for nothing more than fair treatment under the law. Unfortunately, that can sometimes be an uphill battle when some people seek to impose different standards of law on police officers than those that they would have imposed on themselves.

### Attorneys Give Police Commission Bad Advice

The Police Commission's Rampart Independent Review Panel was composed of many attorneys in private practice who spent many hours at no charge reviewing the policies, procedures and operations of the LAPD. Their comprehensive report contained numerous recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Police Commission. While concluding that many of the Panel's recommendations are valid and meritorious, we at the League strongly disagree with some of the findings and recommendations made in the chapter dealing with Officer Involved Shootings and Other Uses of Force.

For instance, one recommendation states as follows:

"Criminal investigations of shootings and uses of force by LAPD officers should precede the related administrative investigations, and Lybarger admissions should not be given until the criminal investigation has been completed" (5.2, Report at p.131)

The Panel's findings in support of this recommendation are extremely flawed and in our view represent real bad advice to the Police Commission. The Panel takes the view that if the Lybarger admission is routinely delayed, most involved officers will be willing to give a voluntary statement because they would want their stories heard. (By the way, if you believe this finding, I have a bridge over the San Francisco Bay for sale also.)

Once again, in our view, this finding by the Panel is incredibly naive and certainly inconsistent with the legal advice that these private attorneys would be

expected to give their clients. If these lawyers routinely allow their clients to talk to the police in a criminal investigation we have a serious question as to the propriety of the legal representation that would be provided under those circumstances and almost every criminal defense lawyer we know would disagree with them!

As so aptly stated by League panel attorney Michael P. Stone in his suggested protocol for lethal force investigations, the involved officers' decision to invoke his/her right against self-incrimination will likely constitute the single, most profound development in the global view of the use of force incident. For example, that single decision removes the statements of the involved personnel who are targeted for prosecution instantly from the reach of the criminal justice system. While Lybarger compelled accounts based upon pain and penalty of insubordination are usable in an administrative context, and perhaps in a subsequent civil action, "use immunity" attaches to the statement precluding its use for any purpose in a subsequent criminal case, absent waiver. Here the officer's interests are bound to collide with all others, because it may well be in his or her interest to remain silent and not speak, when every other interest demands disclosure and revelation.

The Police Commission should not encourage officers to waive their rights, and should not discourage them from exercising their rights to counsel and silence, in order to benefit the criminal fact-finding mission. Long after the department's interest in "getting to the truth of the matter" is satisfied, the officer may be left "twisting in the wind" as the result of incriminating admissions made at a time before he had counsel or could, in any way, appreciate the fact that his voluntary account of the use of force would later furnish a "link in the chain of evidence" called up by the prosecutor to argue for the officer's conviction. The involved officers are required to make the "public safety statement" in all cases but beyond that, they should never be encouraged or influenced to waive their Fifth Amendment rights. The Police Commission must permit and allow for protection of these important individual officer civil rights.

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# WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."  
—John Donne

It is the year 1996. You are barely off probation. The division you work in is inundated with criminal gangs and you work patrol. The Department has declared a "war on gangs." The Department has ordered "gang sweeps." You have been directed to "take back the streets" by your supervisors and upper management.

It is easy to believe that there is, in fact, a war. Even in your short time on the job, you have seen the terrible destruction on human beings visited by the gang bangers and their drive by shootings, robberies, rapes and dope dealing. Decent citizens have to remain inside in fear after dark, children have been killed and crippled by stray rounds as the gangs make war against each other, mothers watch their impressionable children brought into the gang ranks by the easy money and the need to protect themselves from rival gangs. In short, you support the Department's position that something has to be done to protect the public. You pass by no opportunity to catch a gang member dirty and get him off the street. You think that this is an important part of your job and you feel good after each arrest.

And there are many arrests. Most of your fellow officers feel the same way you do. When recognizable gang members congregate on the street, you and your fellow officers stop and talk to

them. They look suspicious and you try to find out exactly what type of criminal activity they are up to. You have been trained to pat down gang members for officer safety and with the number of guns and knives recovered from gang members and their known propensity for violence, this seems like a valid life preserving idea. During these pat downs, many weapons are found, along with various types of narcotics, and numerous gang members hit jail assuring that, at least for a couple of days, no citizen will be shot by this gun or stabbed with that knife.

You are aware in a general way from the recruit training at the Academy about the laws of search and seizure, but there has been scant training since you hit the street. A gang member in a high crime area looking "hinky" is pretty much the standard for stopping and investigating what the gang member and his fellow gang member pals are doing. They usually arise out of letters from prison inmates claiming everything from illegal searches to planting evidence in the hope of jumping on the Rafael Perez bandwagon and playing the get out of jail free card. There is nothing to do, but wait.

When you make an arrest, which is often, you tend to write a bare bones arrest report to get back on the street as fast as possible. You know that there are deputy district attorneys and deputy city attorneys assigned to the gang problem and you trust that they will be reviewing your arrests along with a long chain of supervisors. If you are doing something

wrong, you expect that you will be told and trained in doing things a better way. The fine points of search and seizure cannot even be agreed upon by the members of the Supreme Court as reflected in their split decisions. You figure that you will just do your best and if an arrest has legal problems, the experts will either go to court or reject the case for filing.

Most cases are filed and most of the arrestees are convicted. In fact, you and your fellow officer's efforts have visible results. Gang crime plunges dramatically. You have taken back the streets. The gangs have to do their dirty work somewhere else instead of brazenly taking over street corners. This is why you became a cop, to make a difference.

## Fast Forward

It is the year 2001. You are waiting at your station for the arrival of the Internal Affairs investigators. They will not tell you why they want to talk to you, but it has something to do with one of your arrests. You have arranged to have your defense representative present from the Officer Representation Section. She tells you that she has been at several of these kinds of interviews. They usually arise out of letters from prison inmates claiming everything from illegal searches to planting evidence in the hope of jumping on the Rafael Perez bandwagon and playing the get out of jail free card. There is nothing to do, but wait.

The Internal Affairs investigators arrive. They are all business. They present you with a set of reports from an arrest that you and your partner made four-and-a-half years ago. You can see that they have eight by ten blowups of the booking photo of the arrestee. A helicopter has taken aerial photographs of the scene of the arrest and they are placed on the table. You read the arrest report. Even though you wrote the

report, you do not have an independent memory of this arrest. It is like a hundred others. A gun recovered during a pat down. A trip to the station. A computer run that determines the suspect is an ex-con and a felony booking. The arrest report is sparse and to the point. The suspect in the booking photograph is covered with tattoos and they, at least, look somewhat familiar. A little memory comes back to you, but not much. You had done the stop, pat down, and subsequent arrest scenario a hundred times.

The interview begins. You are read your Miranda Rights. You are Lybargered. The allegations against you are listed on a complaint form which you are allowed to read. You see that the same Department that sent you out to make war on the gang problem is now charging you with an illegal detention. You see that the same Department that told you to take back the streets is now charging you with an illegal arrest. You see that the Department that sanctioned thousands of similar arrests on gang members over a period of years is now charging you with an illegal search. You see that the Department whose supervisors and managers were lauded and promoted for you and your fellow officers successful efforts on the streets are now charging you with a conspiracy to commit civil rights violations just so the statute of limitations can reach back to this four-year-old arrest. You are stunned.

The questions flow rapidly. Why did you stop this suspect? What was your probable cause? Who got out of the car first? Who patted the suspect down first? What did you say? What did your partner say? What did the gang member say? The only answer you have is the report in front of you. You do not remember any details independently. You answer truthfully, but you have to say "I don't remember" so many times

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To: L.A. Times

Three Strikes and You're Out Chief Parks!

It's the bottom of the 9th. Bases are loaded. Bernie is at bat. It's three balls and two strikes. The pitcher anxiously stands on the mound, waiting to throw the final pitch, which just might end the game. The batter is sweating, his mind is racing, his heart is pounding. The pitch is thrown. "STEEERIKE ONE" is called. The game's over.

Half an hour later, only the batter is still on the field. Everyone else has left the stadium. The batter knows it's over. He knows he should be showering, packing up and leaving the ballpark, but he just can't leave. He knows it's over.

Our Chief needs to finally realize that it's over. His reign of terror has rendered him incapable of further leadership. Will someone PLEASE escort him from the field!

How DID he achieve three strikes?

STEEERIKE ONE: He alienated his rank and file. He implemented discipline procedures that were illogical, unfair, and draconian. So his officers began to leave, in droves. Morale plummeted,

academy classes couldn't be filled, and officers began not only fearing for the life of the residents, but for their own futures. They continue to leave the department. It has nothing to do with the economy. It has everything to do with leadership.

STEEERIKE TWO: He alienated the citizens. He fired the fatal bullet into community policing, once again erecting the wall that separated the department from the community. So his citizens began to disengage from working with the department (after all, who were they supposed to call?). And the department began to disengage from the citizens (after all, they had paperwork to do). Community policing died a quiet death, day by day. And with the downfall of the partnership, and the internal disaster Rampart presented, residents became fearful once again. The hoodlums took to the streets while citizens took to their homes. Daily, the city became a more dangerous place to live, so homes began going on the market.

STEEERIKE THREE: He alienated the federal government, the very same entity that offered help, their offer reject-

ed. "We can handle things locally. We don't need ANY help." Feds read the newspapers too: crime went up, morale went down, arrests went down, deployment went down, citizen comfort level plummeted." So the federal government said, "Okay, enough is enough." And the feds saw the sheriffs doing everything right—their academy classes busting at the seams, their complaints dropping, their morale elevated, their leadership talking about improving the department, working with the community, and treating all fairly and justly. And the Chief said, "We're doing just fine," we need no improvement, we need no guidance, we need nothing from anyone other than me. I AM THE BEST!! And in the end the city had no choice but to cave to federal oversight.

Three strikes, and you're out, Mr. Chief. There's no one left for you to alienate. There's no one left for you to anger. There's no one left for YOU to lead. You've lost your best officers, you've lost your most involved citizens, and now you've lost the support of the federal government.

Turn in your badge. Turn in your gun. Take pride that you single-handedly took a department once considered the best and the brightest and turned it into a laughing stock. You took a very active community and turned it into your worst nightmare, and you took the federal government to the brink of SUING the city.

The ball game is over. The fat lady has sung. The force has spoken, the citizens have spoken, and now the federal government has spoken.

Three strikes and YOU'RE out.

Ellen Bagelman  
President, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Association

## END OF WATCH



NAME: Cecil E. Fye #2251

RANK: Policeman

ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire

BORN: August 10, 1901

APPOINTED: April 1925

RETIRED: April 1, 1945

DIED: August 9, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Earl E. Dillon #3411

RANK: Policeman

ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood

BORN: January 7, 1920

APPOINTED: November 15, 1945

RETIRED: January 1, 1966

DIED: September 30, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Alfred J. Swern #4431

RANK: Policeman

ASSIGNED TO: Venice

BORN: July 31, 1917

APPOINTED: April 7, 1947

RETIRED: September 19, 1965

DIED: November 30, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Austin G. De Moulin #3404

RANK: Policeman

ASSIGNED TO: University

BORN: December 5, 1918

APPOINTED: September 23, 1946

RETIRED: February 10, 1966

DIED: December 11, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Roger W. Otis #6598

RANK: Policeman

ASSIGNED TO: Intelligence

BORN: October 28, 1921

APPOINTED: February 1, 1950

RETIRED: April 25, 1977

DIED: January 28, 2001

NAME: Clarence R. Bunde #5230

RANK: Policeman I+2

ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood

BORN: November 19, 1918

APPOINTED: January 5, 1948

RETIRED: July 8, 1973

DIED: January 26, 2001

NAME: Michael W. Sweeney #2812

RANK: Sergeant

ASSIGNED TO: Harbor

BORN: January 1, 1916

APPOINTED: April 13, 1942

RETIRED: November 9, 1965

DIED: December 29, 2000

NAME: Paul B. LePage #4216

RANK: Lieutenant

ASSIGNED TO: RHD

BORN: April 22, 1919

APPOINTED: February 19, 1947

RETIRED: July 8, 1972

DIED: January 3, 2001

NAME: John C. Bigham #159

RANK: Lieutenant

ASSIGNED TO: SID

BORN: May 20, 1908

APPOINTED: July 1936

RETIRED: March 8, 1970

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hollenbeck Records: Central Detectives; P.D.I.D.; and transferred in June, 1985, to her last assignment in Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). She was under the command of Captains William Cobb, Jerry Bova, W. O. Garland, and Jim Tatreau. She sends a special thanks to Captain Jim Tatreau for making her stay a memorable one and ensuring that his support staff be a part of the "RHD family." Little did she know that she would be working for Tatreau at the end of her career with LAPD. Chris met Captain Tatreau in 1970 when he worked Accident Investigation Division and again in 1973 at Hollenbeck Division. She mentioned that Tatreau has maintained a pleasing and caring personality throughout the years.

While assigned to Major Crimes Section, Chris derived great pleasure working with Ed Henderson and some of the finest detectives on the Department. She enjoyed the camaraderie and being part of the "RHD family" for the past 15 years. Over 20 fallen police officer cases were handled during her time at RHD. There was always an RHD case aired on the news involving an OIS, robbery, bank robbery, rape or a murder, in which she recognized one of RHD's detectives. Chris stated, "They have such a tremendous tenacity in solving and working these cases that I can truly say it has been an honor to work closely with them. There is so much history at RHD as you can see when you walk into the administrative office and observe the photographs displayed on the walls adjacent to the interview room where Charles Manson, Richard Ramirez and O. J. Simpson, just to name a few, were interviewed."

"I would like to especially thank the past as well as the present RHD detectives, including Captain Garland for always being there and the good times we have all had and sharing of lives throughout the years. Having both worked in RHD, Bud and I have some cherished friendships that have developed over the years."

Chris and Bud will celebrate a going away/reirement cocktail party at the Academy Lounge, March 29th at 1630 hours. Please stop by and join us for appetizers and drinks.

From the RHD Family

Dear Mayor Riordan,

You were recently quoted in an article in the Metro section of The Los Angeles Times as saying, "I will not rest until the so-called experts (of The Los Angeles Police Department), stop debating and start acting on the issues of morale, recruitment, and community policing." Mayor Riordan, just as we patrol officers of the Los Angeles Police Department, thought it couldn't get any worse. I would like to bring to your attention something that is currently taking place at Central Division. In the next few days, in order to get officers to perform, all patrol officers (all watches) will be receiving comment cards every month. We were informed that some of these comment cards will be negative and some will be positive. However, we know this is management's way of "pistol whipping" us until we perform to their standards. We are told that this order is coming down from Central Bureau. I can tell you by talking to my fellow officers that this single act is only going to further lower morale.

Management seems to forget why the whole Rampart incident happened. According to Rafael Perez, he wanted to impress his supervisors with high numbers. What happened to quality work? Now it is just give everyone a ticket. Supervisors are already overburdened with paperwork and are not able to adequately supervise the officers. An issue brought up in the Board of Inquiry. If you look at the statistics of Central Division and the statistics of all the other divisions, the numbers of arrests and citations are dropping every month, leading to higher crime rates; low morale leads to low productivity.

Mayor Riordan, if you are sincere in your statement that you want to improve morale, you can show Central Division Patrol Officers by looking into this matter. I realize not one change will turn us around, but it is a start. Mayor Riordan, if you want to find out what is going on with morale, and a decrease in arrests and higher crime rates, do not go to management. I urge you to come to every division and speak with your patrol officers. We are the ones who know the answers and have the solutions. Thank you for your time.

From a Central Patrol Officer

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### New IRS Publication 502 on Deductible Medical Expenses

The IRS recently released an updated Publication 502 for use in preparing individual income tax returns for the year 2000. Publication 502 provides guidance on deductible medical expenses for tax purposes. (These expenses are often referred to as "Section 213 expenses."

es" for the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code that permits the deduction.) Cafeteria plan administrators often refer to IRS Publication 502 to determine which health care expenses they will consider eligible for reimbursement under a health flexible spending account ("health FSA") program. However, health insurance premiums and long term care expenses are not reimbursable expenses under a health FSA program, even though they are "Section 213 expenses" and may be deductible for income tax purposes (if the individual itemizes deductions, and unreimbursed medical expenses exceed 7.5% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income)

### New Deductible Expenses

The new Publication 502 includes some noteworthy additions to the list of deductible medical expenses, including the following:

- Medical Conferences. Amounts paid for admission and transportation to a medical conference if the conference concerns the chronic illness of the taxpayer, his/her spouse, or his/her dependent.

- Laser Eye Surgery. Amounts paid for surgery to improve vision, such as radial keratotomy or laser eye surgery, if performed primarily to improve the function of the eye.

- Fertility Enhancements. Amounts paid for certain procedures to overcome an inability to have children, such as in vitro fertilization or reversal of a prior operation such as vasectomy.

- Weight Loss Programs. Amounts paid for a weight-loss program undertaken at a physician's direction to treat an existing disease (such as heart disease), but not merely to promote the general well-being of the taxpayer.

A copy of the revised 2000 version of IRS Publication 502 can be obtained at [www.federalworld.gov/pub/irs/pdf/p502.pdf](http://www.federalworld.gov/pub/irs/pdf/p502.pdf).

Take care and be safe.

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that you sound evasive. You wish your report had been more detailed, but those were fast times and leisurely report writing was not the order of the day.

Finally, the interview is over. The Internal Affairs investigators leave.

"What happens now?" you ask your rep.

"Well, if your captain believes by a preponderance of the evidence that you are guilty of any of those charges, you will be sent to a Board of Rights. If the Board finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you are guilty of any of those charges, you will be fired."

"What is a preponderance of the evidence?" you ask.

"A fifty percent chance that the charge is true plus the weight of a feather." your representative replies. "That's what your job hangs on," she says. "Sucks, doesn't it?"

"How do I prove something didn't happen over four years ago at an arrest that I can just barely remember? How can something as technical and changing as search and seizure rules be used as the basis for taking away my career?" you cry. "It's not fair."

The representative is sympathetic, but has seen this many times before. "Fair has nothing to do with it. It's politics. The winds have changed. The dead bodies of the victims of gang members have been forgotten. Rafael Perez' allegations have to be answered with administrative executions so the Department can show the *Los Angeles Times* that the problems have been solved." The representative pats your hand. "Department managers

don't get executed. The troops get that assignment. You were cannon fodder back in 1996 and you are cannon fodder now. You just didn't know it."

The defense representative starts down the hall out of the station on the way to her next interview. She calls over her shoulder. "It's not over yet. There are still decent people around in management positions with some backbone that will take a hard look at the evidence before throwing you over the ramparts. We win about twenty-five percent of the Boards of Rights."

Still, there is little comfort in her words. You don't like the odds.

### Increasing the Odds

You have little or no control over the winds of politics, but you can do a couple of things to increase your chances of surviving the inevitable allegations made by criminals bent on escaping punishment for their crimes.

The first thing is knowledge of the principles of search and seizure. The Department has done little to help you in this area over the years. There are volumes written by legal scholars on the subject and every term the California and United States supreme courts modify some aspect of the current rules. You do not want to have to debate with Internal Affairs over what is a legal detention or search and what is not. What you want is a written reliable source that you can point to to justify every action you took. One good source is the California Peace Officers Legal Sourcebook. The Office of the Attorney General publishes this book and it is pretty hard for anyone to tell the top cop in the state that his interpretation of the law is incorrect. Even if it is, you are entitled to rely on it.

Here are some quotes from this source on typical gang investigation related search and seizure. If these quotes are foreign to you, or worse yet, in opposition to what you currently believe is the law on search and seizure, you need to run, not walk, to this book before you place your career in the hands of some criminal.

"You have no authority to conduct any kind of a search during a consensual encounter unless, of course, the person gives you voluntary consent...In other words, most any non-consensual search is going to require "probable cause." And even a limited search for weapons (a patdown or frisk)--which will turn the consensual encounter into a detention--is not legal unless you have specific facts or information making it reasonable for you to suspect that the person may be armed or dangerous." Section 2.6d

"In order for an investigative stop or detention to be valid, you must have a "reasonable suspicion" that: (1) criminal activity may be afoot; and (2) the person you are about to detain is connected with that possible criminal activity." Section 2.8

"Certain factors, such as "nighttime" and "high crime" or "high narcotics" area, will not suffice, alone, to justify a detention." Section 2.10b

"Actually detaining someone (as opposed to obtaining their voluntary cooperation) for the purpose of obtaining information about them, or photographing them, is illegal unless you have a specific basis for believing the person is involved in criminal activity." Section 2.18b

If the Department is serious about making personnel complaints based on violations of the rules of search and

seizure, this publication should be passed out to everyone right along with the LAPD manual. The copies of the Sourcebook currently in many divisions are all too often out of date or impossible to find. You can subscribe to the Sourcebook yourself or get an electronic version at Copware (805) 578-0818.

But knowing the law is only the first part of the problem. You must use it. Detailed arrest reports containing all your search and seizure factors are essential. The days of the short report are over. If you hope to get that interview from Internal Affairs by the year 2005 for the arrest tomorrow, you need to record it. The more you write, the less you will forget. Remember, under the current 1.28 system, you not only have to perfect, you have to be able to prove you were perfect, even as far as it's out.

### Some Good News

As I write this, some changes may be on the horizon. Mayor Riordan is extremely concerned over the attrition rate on LAPD and is demanding action. I attended a meeting with Police Commissioners Jackson and de la Rocha along with the Commanders of the Internal Affairs Group and committee members. Jackson and de la Rocha were very aware that the 1.28 system was a major factor in the low morale of LAPD officers and were dedicated to changing it for the better. The League has been invited to participate in the process. We will and I will keep you informed of the progress.

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### Mayor

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### City Attorney

Lea Purwin D'Agostino

### Controller

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### City Council

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council District #1	Richard Polanco
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council District #3	Dennis P. Zine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council District #5	Neutral at this time
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council District #7	Alex Padilla
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## Segal Appointed Judge by Gov. Davis

by Ted Hunt

a man committed to the success of his family.

Governor Gray Davis recently appointed John Segal as a Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles. The League has been active in supporting numerous applicants for the bench over the past few years and we were active in supporting Judge Segal's appointment.

In his remarks at the Investiture, Presiding Judge James Bascue said he was very appreciative of the extraordinarily high quality appointments to the Court being made by Governor Davis.

Judge Bascue praised newly appointed Judge Segal as a reflection of the highest standards in the legal community and as

Sheriff Lee Baca also spoke and said that the appointment of Judge Segal is a "victory for America" because just as law enforcement officials "meet justice face-to-face" every day, judges must "sit at the helm of the judicial process" and make decisions just like law enforcement officers that ensures the integrity of our social system. "We define our humanity," Sheriff Baca said, "by what happens in our courts of justice."

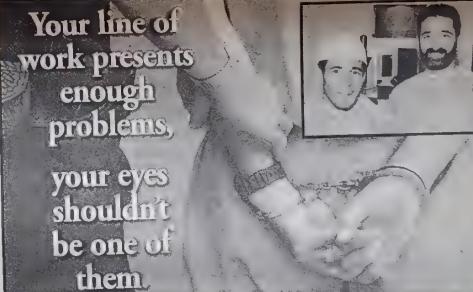
Judge Segal is a graduate of the University of Southern California Law School. His first assignment is scheduled to be in Division 68.



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## **Harbor Area's Unique Approach to Violent Crime Reduction**

by Capt. Paul Kim and Sgt. Vic Dennis

### **"Taking it to the Streets"**

As a longtime San Pedro resident, Don Taylor has witnessed significant changes in his neighborhood. Unfortunately, not all of the changes have been for the better. On a sunny and clear Saturday morning last January, Mr. Taylor stood at the corner of 10th and Centre Streets and gazed upon a sea of community mem-



bers, both children and adults, and police officers, and he did so with a smile. "This is a very positive event. It's something really different." The positive event about which he referred was the second in what has become a series of community block parties orchestrated by Harbor Area.

Long considered a unique division with unique problems and assets, Harbor Area recently began to experience an alarming rise in violent gang and hate crimes, particularly in the Harbor Gateway and San Pedro communities. These crimes made clear the need for a new and nontraditional approach.

Borne of the desire to reach out to the community and "think outside the box," came the "Stop the Violence" theme. Community block parties, traditional

town hall meetings and community work teams became part of the approach. They are all integral parts of an all out effort aimed at increasing the dialogue between community members and their officers.

The first of these community block parties occurred on Dec. 2, 2000, following two homicides along 204th Street. The event was held at the intersection of 204th Street and Harvard, and was organized jointly by Harbor Area's Community Relations Office and Problem Solving Team. It featured local community organizations and local entertainers. The event had had a moderate turnout, but most importantly, it was a start.

The goal is to bring the police, community and government resources directly to violent crime locations. It is in many of these troubled areas that community members are

often afraid to communicate with what they may perceive to be blue-suited "robots."

A month later, on January 20, 2001, the focus shifted to San Pedro. The Shipp's Inn Hotel, located at 10th Street and Centre Street, has long been an Achilles heel to local residents and Harbor Area officers. Narcotics and gang activity, coupled with recent homicides, brought unwanted notoriety to this portion of San Pedro.

These problems prompted some Harbor Area officers to openly voice concerns about the prospects of a community event held at this location. Nevertheless, on January 20, 2001, at 1000 hours, music began to play, booths opened, and curious local residents left their homes to check out the festivities.

Two local radio stations—the BEAT 100.3 FM, and MEGA, 92.3 FM, set up a shop, distributed giveaways and played music. The Workforce Investment Network (WIN) provided career guidance information while the San Pedro Free Clinic provided health services information. To address gang issues, the Gang Alternatives Program (GAP) stressed the importance of eradicating existing gangs and keeping prospects young people from gang activity through their theme: "Never have never will."

Several Department entities were also represented. Among them were the Communications Division, who shared educational materials about ways in which community members can communicate better when reporting crimes, and the Recruitment Unit, who spoke with those present in an effort to identify potential recruits. According to Recruitment Officer Allynn Simmons, the Recruitment Section recognizes the value of hiring people who live in Los Angeles. "People who live in this city have a vested interest in making things better."

Harbor Area's Explorer Scouts go into the act as they helped serve hot dogs and drinks. They also canvassed the neighborhood, door knocking the homes of local residents to invite them to participate in the block party. It is also hoped that the Explorers' participation will encourage young people to consider joining the Explorer Program.

While the food, music and community representation is significant, perhaps the most important aspect of these events is the sense of its future.

"Stop the Violence" town hall meetings, mostly in the Wilmington community. These meetings have been held in churches, school auditoriums and parks. Interestingly, one of these meetings was even conducted primarily in Spanish with English translation.

Town hall meetings are by no means a new concept. The Los Angeles Police Department has utilized the town hall meeting for years. More recently, the Department has seen a proliferation of these meetings through Semi-Annual Basic Car Meetings and Area Meetings. Unfortunately, what frequently occurs is participation by the same groups of more active citizens. The block parties are designed to broaden the participation by many who would not otherwise participate in these more traditional

As the San Pedro block party ed, many of the officers who voiced skepticism later admitted event was a good idea. Some reminded that within the boundaries even the most crime-riddled neighborhoods live many concerned, law-abiding community members.

Carl Tank, one of Harbor Area's dedicated volunteers, quickly formed his own conclusion about the block party in San Pedro. "It's a really good opportunity to get the police, the community and volunteers together." In fact, it was a team of volunteers composed of office Explorers and representatives from Beacon House, a licensed long-term residential substance abuse facility, who gathered early that January morning to



clean up the immediate area in preparation of the event.

The mission to "clean up" violent crime has spread beyond town hall meetings and block parties. Harbor Area has established three work teams, again under the "Stop the Violence" theme: the Criminal Justice Team, the Government/Community Team and the Youth/Schools Team. They represent another important ingredient in the recipe to gain community/government cooperation and support. These teams meet independently to identify and solve problems that sometimes extend beyond the Department's resources.

With the Department's resources becoming increasingly scarce, Harbor Area is finding that the only limit to creative problem solving is the imagination. By focusing on the resources we do have, Harbor Area is realizing that we do not have to settle for the status quo. For now, Harbor Area's approach to stopping the violence will continue to include reaching out and taking it to the streets.

## TOP COPS AWARDS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE ORGANIZATIONS

### NAPO SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR EIGHTH ANNUAL TOP COPS AWARDS

Deadline April 14, 2001

Washington, D.C.—The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is accepting nominations for the Eighth Annual TOP COPS Awards. The largest and oldest national ceremony of its kind recognizing federal, state and local officers from across the country, the TOP COPS Awards honor officers for outstanding service to their communities during the preceding year.

TOP COPS are nominated by fellow officers and are selected from hundreds of nominations by an independent Awards Committee. One winner from each state, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories is chosen and from among those selections, ten are singled out to receive the TOP COPS Award while the remaining are presented Honorable Mention Awards.

"It is so important to NAPO that law enforcement officers get the positive attention in the national media that they deserve," said Robert T. Scully, NAPO's executive director.

Law enforcement officers may nominate their peers who they believe made an extra effort to fight crime and protect the public between Jan. 1, 2000 and Dec.

31, 2000 by submitting a summary of the incident limited to 500 words and supporting documents such as newspaper articles and police reports (if any). Regrettably, supporting documents cannot be returned. The following information must be supplied about the nominee and the nominating officer: title, full name, department, precinct address, work phone, home phone and fax. The signature of the nominator is also required. Nominations should be sent to NAPO, 750 First Street, NE, Suite 920, Washington, D.C. 20002. The deadline for nominations for the Eighth Annual TOP COPS Awards is April 14, 2001. The date and location of the ceremony are to be announced.

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 4,000 police unions and associations, over 225,000 sworn law enforcement officers, 11,000 retired officers and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

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Nomination must be submitted by a sworn law enforcement officer, who must provide their signature in the space designated below.

Nomination must involve an incident occurring between Jan. 1, 2000, and Dec. 31, 2000.

#### Instructions:

Please write a short essay on why your nominee should be considered for a 2001 TOP COPS Award. This essay should be composed on a separate sheet of paper and should be no longer than 500 words. Remember to be as specific as possible with references to dates, events, etc. In addition, you will need to complete the areas below and attach this form to your essay. We invite you to send additional information in support of your nominee: newspaper articles, police reports and video tapes all help our judges in their decision making process. Kindly send your package, postmarked no later than April 14, 2001, to:

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## Where Are Our Leaders?

by Sgt. Robert Lisenby  
Training Division

As a life member of the U.S. Naval Institute, I frequently read articles in their publication *Proceedings*, which show common issues and problems experienced by the military services and law enforcement. In the January, 2001, *Proceedings*, Capt. James F. Kelly, Jr., U.S. Navy (retired), discusses ways for organizations to identify leaders. In his article "In Search of Real Leaders," Kelly recognizes that to meet the challenges of future naval service, like the challenges of law enforcement, the organization must develop a way to recognize people who can lead. He provides some characteristics of leadership that can be used to help identify leaders in the Navy, or any other organization, including the Los Angeles Police Department. The following excerpt from Capt. Kelly's article may provide some guidance to those who would seek to identify our Department's current and future leaders.

#### Identify Leadership

One is not a leader by virtue of rank, nor does one inherit the "mantle of leadership" merely by assuming command or other positions of authority. To be a leader, one must practice leadership behaviors:

**Empathize with followers.** Leaders care about their people and their concerns. They want to know what makes their people tick, and they feel a responsibility for their well being.

**Plan for the long term.** Leaders set goals and objectives to be measured over a longer timeline than just their own tours of duty. They put long-term progress ahead of short-term gains and personal recognition.

**Explore alternatives.** Leaders invite input and debate. They encourage a "devil's advocate" position. They examine as many scenarios and possibilities as time and circumstances permit.

**Explore change.** Leaders are dynamic individuals, unafraid of new ideas.

**Address the needs of followers.** Leaders may not always be able to put people first, but they consider the impact of every decision and action on their followers. They understand that to succeed they need the support of their followers and they invariably put their troops' well being ahead of their own.

**Be comfortable with stress.** Leaders view conflict as an opportunity and capitalize on adversity to progress toward goals. They do not hesitate to take risks when circumstances warrant.

**Have vision.** Leaders have a plan for the long-term success of the organization and the people they lead.

Since I began my career in the Department, I have worked with and for a number of leaders who had many of the above qualities. Unfortunately, they were not always the ones who were recognized for advancement.

Next month I will continue with some additional thoughts from Capt. Kelly about the need for organizations to purge cronyism.

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### Los Angeles Police MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

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The candlelight vigil is our most expensive event of the year, and each new name will cost roughly \$200 to engrave (total of \$61,200). That is why we have started an online drive to raise

the funds necessary to cover these and other related expenses.

We are asking supporters of the Memorial for a small donation of \$10, \$25 or \$50 to help us reach our goal. Our online fundraising drive cannot be successful without your support. Please help us honor the 306 officers who will be added to the Memorial this year, and all officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, by visiting our web site at: <http://www.nleomf.com/NPWdonate.html>

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Sincerely,

Craig Floyd  
NLEOMF Chairman

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The reason the city council authorized this plan more than 12 years ago to make it easier for employees to fulfill their child support responsibilities. Through the payroll deduction program, employees can make sure that their child support payments are automatically paid on time.

If you or anyone you know in the city's service is eligible, I urge you to consider the benefits of participating in the city's Payroll Deduction Plan and sign up today. The program is entirely voluntary and is available to all city employees with child support obligations. Should you have any questions, please contact Leonor Kuratomi in the City Controller's Office at (213) 485-3463.

Yours truly,  
Rick Tuttle  
City Controller

## Mystery Cop Photo



### Identify the Two Motor Cops (and the Star)— ANSWER

To whom it may concern:

I would hardly believe my eyes! Why?

My picture is on page 22 of the Blue Line, Feb. 2001.

I am the T.E.D. officer on the left. The actress is Rhonda Fleming. The officer on the right is Robert O. Tucker, #4104. The picture was taken in 1950 at Paramount Studio. Occasion: In those days we had police shows at the Shrine Auditorium.

I, Melvin L. Tousseau, #3270, a drill team M/C officer, was sent to the Paramount Studio to try and get Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis to appear at our 1950 police show. Their schedule was booked solid. We struck out.

Rhonda was on the same set at the time, and she asked if Bob and I would take a picture with her. That's 51 years ago. I was 31 years old (DOB 8/10/19). Bob was 26!

An old LAPD retiree, Melvin L. Tousseau, #3270

P.S. Bob Tucker and I were partners at the time the picture was taken. Our T.E.D. lieutenant was Caleb Mitchell.

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### Parker Dodges a Bullet

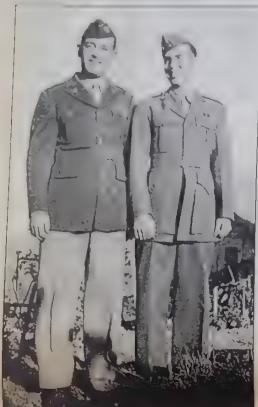
Officer Dennis J. DeNoi

William H. Parker

Los Angeles Police Foundation

This month's article for the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation will highlight the professional biography of the late Chief William H. Parker.

William H. Parker joined the LAPD on August 8, 1927. He immediately set



Army Captain William H. Parker posing with his brother, Marine Lieutenant Joseph Parker while enjoying a brief military leave period.

high personal and professional goals. By the time World War II started, Bill Parker had earned a law degree and attained the rank of Captain within the Los Angeles Police Department. He had completed 15 years on the job and was the Officer in Charge of the Accident Prevention Bureau when he volunteered for overseas duty with the U.S. Army's Government Branch. The Government Branch was a highly specialized section of the army that was made up of civil engineers (specialists in government affairs brought in from the public sector and appointed commissioned officers). Captain Parker was accepted as both a

law enforcement and traffic expert. He was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant on April 13, 1943 and with only a few months of training, found himself in the middle of the European Theater of Operation.

On July 19, 1944, Lieutenant Parker was wounded in action when he was hit just above his right eye by a glancing machine gun round fired from a Nazi plane. Lieutenant Parker was hospitalized for a few days before returning to full duty. Lieutenant Parker was awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds resulting from the opposing armed forces. Parker was promoted to the rank of army Captain on March 16, 1945. While in the army, Captain Parker served his country in many war torn countries such as Africa, Italy, Sardinia, Great Britain, France, Germany and Austria. He was responsible for the development of the "Police and Prisons Plan" for the European invasion. He was also a key figure in the development of a democratic police system for the newly U.S. occupied cities of Munich and Frankfurt, Germany.

Captain Parker was recognized by both the French and Italian governments with prestigious awards; the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star and the Italian Star of Solidarity. Captain Parker's other awards include; the European Campaign Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the Army Occupation Service Medal.

Captain Parker felt he had accomplished what he had set out to in the wartime army and was now eager to return to the police service. He requested a discharge from military service upon his return to the United States. He was honorably discharged on November 18, 1945 from the United States Army. Captain Parker wasted no time resuming his career with the Los Angeles Police Department. Parker was promoted to Police Inspector (equivalent to today's Commander) on August 1, 1947. Parker was promoted to Emergency Deputy Chief of Police on November 2, 1949. Shortly thereafter, Chief Parker was selected to succeed interim Chief William A. Worton, a retired Marine

Major General, and lead the newly "corruption-free" Department into the second half of the 20th century. Chief Worton was brought in by Mayor Fletcher Bowron to clean house after the vice corruption scandal involving gambling king pin Mickey Cohen. Chief Parker was selected for Chief of Police over his opponent Thad Brown, only after one of the stiffest races for Chief in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Chief Parker made the following pledge shortly after taking his oath of



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Sgt. Steve Williams, Ofc. Dennis DeNoi, Sec. Regula Menez

Chief not only passed this test, he excelled as he did for the many challenges that the City of Los Angeles presented him over the next 16 years that served as its Chief. On Saturday, July 16, 1966, Chief Parker had just finished a speech to the 2nd Marine Division Association and received a standing ovation from the reception audience. The Chief walked back to his seat and collapsed from a massive heart attack. Parker's community support was so strong that the Parker Foundation was created and the Police Administra-



William H. Parker  
Chief of Police (1950-1966)

Building was renamed in his honor. Deputy Chief Thad Brown, who held the rank of Deputy Chief for over 20 years, finally filled the position of Inter Chief until February 1967.

### Good Advice

Recently, around the country, an inordinate number of police officer involved shootings have taken place. As a result, several suspects have been fatally injured. Newspapers in the area, quoting local "community activists," have editorialized that with all these shootings by police, "any citizen" could find himself dodging police bullets, for no apparent reason at all!

Responding to the newspaper editorial, a Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney, who is obviously community minded, submitted a five-point plan. The plan is designed to assist citizens, who might otherwise be randomly shot by police, in staying out of the path of police bullets.

The newspaper never printed it, but I thought you might appreciate it, even if they didn't.

I've devised a five-point plan to help citizens avoid being shot by police. This plan may not prevent all shootings, but very few will take place when the plan is rigorously adhered to. So, here are the rules:

**DON'T COMMIT VIOLENT CRIMES.** It seems elementary, but this rule is lost on many. They do the crime, get shot, and then wonder how it could possibly happen. They whine that it is so unfair. Well, slick, violent crime, like jumping in front of moving cars, is just a high risk occupation, and, in case you missed it, committing violent crime makes police officers think you might not be a good person.

If you ignore rule No. 1, and the police confront you, **DON'T RUN AWAY FROM THEM.** I know it's hard to believe, but that may make them think you're guilty of something. Hiding in bushes or closets makes some cops (mostly older ones) very nervous. They

might even foolishly conclude that you're up to no good!

If you disregard rules 1 and 2, and the cops catch up with you anyway and inform you that you are under arrest, **DON'T MAKE FAST MOVEMENTS WITH YOUR HANDS.** I know it sounds silly, but grabbing a shiny beer can, a dark-colored wallet, or one of those snazzy and real-looking replica guns may make police officers mistakenly believe that you are about to hurt them.

If you disregard rules 1, 2, 3, and 4, and manage to get what looks like a deadly weapon into your hands, **DON'T POINT IT AT THE COPS.** We all know that you're basically a nice person, but that may be lost on the police officers confronting you. In their paranoia, they may even believe they need to protect themselves.

If you disregard rules 1, 2, 3, and 4, **DON'T BE ASTONISHED IF THE COPS DO NOT INSTANTLY TURN INTO YOUR PERSONAL CONFIDANTE.** They may be too preoccupied to realize that you're normally a splendid person and that you're just having a bad day. They may be too preoccupied to see that when you point a weapon at them in a threatening manner, it is just your way of crying out for help. We both know that the whole problem can be traced to the fact that your mother didn't breast feed you, but some police officers are so cynical they just don't see it. So, there you have it. If you really apply yourself and obey even some of the rules listed above, I bet you'll avoid the vast majority of police gunfire.

Cheri Lewis  
Deputy DA  
Los Angeles, Calif.



## NAPO Files Brief to Protect Police Against Frivolous Civil Cases for Making Arrests

Washington, D.C.—On Monday, January 8th, the National Association of Police Organizations, Inc. (NAPO), representing 4,000 law enforcement organizations with over 228,000 sworn officers and its affiliate, the National Law Enforcement Officers' Rights Center, filed an *amicus curiae* brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in *Saucier v. Katz et al.*, no. 97-1977. The brief supports military police officer Donald Saucier and law enforcement officers everywhere who may be unfairly forced to stand trial whenever they are alleged to have used excessive force, even if the force appeared reasonable and lawful to the officers at the time. NAPO urged the Court to uphold qualified immunity for police officers, as a defense against being sued, whenever they reasonably believe that minimal or other lawful force is justified to arrest or restrain suspects or prevent public disturbances.

### Summary of the Facts and Proceedings

Respondent Elliot Katz's claim of excessive force arose out of his arrest at the Presidio military base in San Francisco, during a September, 1994, ceremony in connection with the conversion of the Presidio to a National Park. Although display of political banners on military bases is prohibited, Respondent Elliot Katz stood up during Vice President Gore's speech, walked to a barrier separating the officials from the audience, and then unfurled a large banner reading: "Please Keep Animal Torture Out of Our National Parks," protesting alleged animal experimentation at the Army hospital in the Presidio.

As Katz unfurled the banner, Officer Saucier and Sgt. Steven Parker, both military policemen, approached Katz quickly. These officers each took one of Respondent's arms and quickly removed him from the seating area. According to Katz (during discovery), they "started sort of picking me up and kind of walking me out, kind of like very hurriedly." Respondent claims that he was then "shoved" into a military police van located nearby. While Respondent claims that he nearly fell headlong all the way into the van and was almost injured, he was not injured because he caught himself in time. After a brief detention at a military police station, Respondent was released. Respondent's arrest was broadcast, and a videotape of the relevant portion was submitted to the court.

Katz brought this action against Officer Saucier and other officials, alleging that the officers used unconstitutionally excessive force to arrest him. The trial court denied Saucier's motion for summary judgment on qualified immunity grounds. The Ninth Circuit agreed with the trial court in *Katz v. United States, et al.*, 194 F.3d 962 (1999), and ruled that the reasonableness standard to determine the merits of Katz's excessive force claim was identical to the reasonableness test for the officer's qualified immunity defense, in blatant misinterpretation of a contrary Supreme Court decision (*Anderson v. Creighton*). If the Supreme Court does not reverse this lower court decision, then the qualified immunity defense against being sued will effectively become unavailable before trial to law enforcement officers in many, if not most, cases alleging excessive force—thwarting the immunity's purpose—and officers will be routinely forced to stand trial. Also, even after trial, the decision on qualified immunity will depend upon a jury's determination on liability (i.e.,

whether there was a violation of the Constitution). The Ninth Circuit also rejected Saucier's assertion that the "amount of force used in arresting Katz was so minimal that it was per se reasonable" to grant him qualified immunity, and the court ruled, incredibly, we believe—that, "...no reasonable officer could have believed that the amount of force used was lawful."

### Summary of NAPO's Main Points

This decision seriously circumvents and undermines the important public interests served by qualified immunity. Qualified immunity protects law enforcement officers and other public employees from the expense and vexation of protracted litigation, possible damages, and from the chilling effect of such upon the exercise of their responsibilities. The doctrine does this by screening out early in the litigation obviously frivolous cases and those cases where the officer reasonably believed that the force that he or she used was lawful under the circumstances and in light of current Fourth Amendment law. In diligently and reasonably pursuing their duties, officers should not have to fear harassing litigation or potential monetary damages, nor should they be unfairly second-guessed months or years later by a judge or jury that can always imagine some alternative means which might have been utilized instead.

NAPO Executive Director Robert T. Scully stated, "Officers who use *any* physical force to arrest or restrain a suspect, to prevent a public disturbance, or to defend themselves or others—no matter how minimal the force used or the lack of any injury—will be at risk if this appellate decision is not reversed. The fear of personal liability can seriously erode an officer's confidence and willingness to act decisively. In addition, officers routinely fear for their continued careers, their physical and emotional health and that of their families, and even sometimes their financial solvency (if not fully indemnified and if the possibility of punitive damages exists) when named as defendants in lawsuits alleging constitutional violations. It is no wonder that police departments are having difficulty in keeping and recruiting officers, with poor morale being the biggest obstacle to retaining current officers and a major factor in recruiting new ones."

Scully continued, "We should not underestimate the impact of this case on law enforcement. Were the lower court's ruling applied nationally, the number of federal civil rights actions against officers going to trial will probably increase, by unfairly taking away from officers a key pretrial defense and subjecting them to lengthy discovery and trials and potential punitive damages. Basic legal research already discloses an ever-increasing number of section 1983 excessive-force claims against officers—hundreds of appellate decisions alone in the last few years. It is no secret that a 'cottage industry' of attorneys has developed to sue police officers. This 'industry's' primary purpose is to find clients with a grievance against the police because of alleged mistreatment and then to bring lawsuits alleging constitutional violations, for the purpose of winning substantial sums. While that phenomenon is obviously the American way, and while a few cases may merit a finding of liability and damages, it is no secret that the goal behind many of these cases is to obtain a significant pre-trial settlement, which state or local governments are often willing to make for

financial hardship or political reasons. Affirming the lower court's decision would provide even more incentive to file lawsuits against officers and their agencies.

Turning to the facts of this case, NAPO's brief concluded that qualified immunity would entitle the Petitioner officer to summary judgment, in light of clearly established principles governing the use of force, because military police officers could have reasonably believed that his specific actions in arresting Respondent Katz, in quickly removing him from the ceremony, and in placing him in a van out of sight, were lawful under these circumstances—the standard set by the Supreme Court. Failing to quickly remove the Respondent could have disrupted the Presidio ceremony and encouraged others to register protests, as well as possibly increasing a security risk to the Vice President and other officials. In summary, the force used on Katz was of the type that police officers could reasonably expect to use to remove an individual quickly from a crowd to prevent a public disturbance.

In addition, four federal circuit courts of appeal apply the principle of de minimis or minimal use of force and grant qualified immunity whenever the force

used by a law enforcement officer was minimal, and the injuries were minor or nonexistent. Because the force used in removing the Respondent and in placing him in the van was nominal and minimal, as indicated by lack of an injury, the Petitioner should have been granted summary judgment under one of three standards applied by other circuit courts (as discussed on pages 24-30 of the brief).

Executive Director Scully concluded, "We welcome the opportunity for the Supreme Court to clarify and reaffirm an important doctrine serving the public interest. We hope that the U.S. Supreme Court will agree with our position when it renders a decision."

For a copy of the brief or for interviews, please call Stephen McSpadden at 202-842-4420.

The National Association of Police Organizations is a national nonprofit organization and coalition of 4,000 police associations and unions, representing law enforcement officers throughout the United States, which serves to advance, together with the Officers' Rights Center, the interests and rights of officers through advocacy, legislation, and education.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Oklahoma's Steve Downie Named National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Officer of the Month

Washington, D.C.—The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has announced the selection of Officer Steve Downie of the Tulsa (OK) Police Department, as its Officer of the Month for December, 2000. Officer Downie is currently assigned to the department's Mounted Police unit.

Like many high school students, Steve Downie had not yet chosen a career path, when an opportunity arose which would alter the course of his life. As part of community service program, a police department on the outskirts of Los Angeles offered high school students the chance to participate in a ride-along program. Officer Downie will tell you that after just one day he was hooked. He set his sights on becoming a law enforcement officer and has never regretted that decision. After high school, he received his Associates Degree in Police Science from the Cerritos Junior College in Norwalk, California, and shortly thereafter relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to begin his career.

Officer Downie has worked in several areas within the department, including Patrol, the K-9 unit and the SWAT team and has been the recipient of numerous awards and commendations. Just three short years after joining the department, he was nominated for the Tulsa Police Department's Officer of the Month award, an honor which has been bestowed on him three separate times since 1988. He has received the Medal of Valor and Purple Heart from the Tulsa Police Department, the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police and the Oklahoma Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association, as well as its National Law Enforcement Citation.

In May, 1989, Officer Downie was assigned to the department's K-9 unit. His instructor, Senior Police Officer Dick Hobson soon became a trusted mentor as well as a good friend. Downie refers to Hobson as the "big brother I never had" and says, "Dick spoon fed me the training required to work with the dogs."

### Indiana Troopers Association Joins NAPO Adding 600 Troopers to NAPO's Membership

Washington, D.C.—The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) announced today that the Indiana Troopers Association (ITA) has affiliated with NAPO adding 600 new troopers to NAPO's growing membership.

"I am pleased that the Indiana Troopers Association has decided to affiliate with NAPO. Their addition to our organization is a valuable one, and I look forward to working together with them on our top legislative priorities," said Robert T. Scully, NAPO's executive director.

The Indiana Troopers Association was founded in 1979. The Indiana Troopers Association supports its members and their families with benefits, services and advocacy. Benefits include: supplemental coverage for prescription medication, prescription eye care, and dental care as well as a Death Benefit Fund payment of \$20,000 to the beneficiary of a member killed in the line of duty. The ITA provides legal counsel to their members and

With more than 17 years on the department, Officer Downie had never drawn his weapon. The possibility of a gun battle had crossed his mind many times and he often contemplated what the scenario would be and how he would react. Unfortunately, in June, 1996, Steve Downie would learn firsthand the terror of an ambush and the sacrifice so many officers are called upon to make.

On the evening of June 10, 1996, the police were called to an alley to search for a man carrying a shotgun. The gunman was believed to be one of three suspects wanted for the robbery of a local restaurant earlier that day. After patrolling the area in their cruisers, the officers left their vehicles to seal off the alley with crime scene tape. At that point shots rang out and before the officers could even return fire, Officer Hobson received a mortal gunshot wound to the chest and Officer Downie was shot in the legs. Although seriously injured and unable to see the gunman, Officer Downie fired off seven shots in the direction of the gunman's muzzle flash. He had no idea of the severity of his own injuries, nor that the wounds suffered by his friend and colleague were fatal. Three other officers in the alley exchanged gunfire with the suspect, striking him several times.

It took many months for Officer Downie's physical wounds to heal. In all the times he had speculated about a gun battle, the idea of losing a friend had never entered his mind. The pain and damage to his legs was insignificant to the loss he suffered when Dick Hobson died. Remarkably, he was never bitter nor ever thought of leaving the job he loved. Rather he vowed to be a role model for younger officers, as Hobson had been for him.

On the one-year anniversary of the shoot-out, a local paper ran an article about Officer Hobson's killer, a young man with a long history of mental illness, who had been in and out of psychiatric hospitals most of his life. For the first time Officer Downie learned that

the positive promotion of legislation in the Indiana State Legislature beneficial to law enforcement personnel.

"Our decision to affiliate with NAPO was based on their commitment to representing all law enforcement officers, including troopers on Capitol Hill. NAPO is a great organization, and we have complete faith in their leadership in Washington, D.C.," said Michael Nufer, President of the ITA.

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves in Washington, D.C. to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 4,000 police unions and associations, 225,000 sworn law enforcement officers, 11,000 retired officers and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

The gunman's father had been a K-9 officer in Montana, who was medically retired from the police force having received injuries in a shooting a decade before. Struck by the irony of this, Steve Downie reached out to the parents of the young man who had shot him and killed his partner. Although he himself had never had a child, he imagined the pain of losing their son to be unbearable, particularly under the circumstances. He wanted them to know that he understood their pain and that he grieved for them. It was important that they knew he was not angry and had moved on with his life.

Officer Downie credits his ability to cope with the shooting and its aftermath to the support he received from the Tulsa Police Department. Upon his return to work he requested the special training required to become a member of the Critical Incident Response Team, which is tasked with responding to critical incidents involving police officers. As such, he is now able to lend moral support to officers experiencing trauma, such as having been wounded in the line of duty.

In 1999, Officer Downie was assigned to the Uniform Division North Patrol. His then supervisor, Sgt. Bill Gore, states, "He actively sought subjects known to have open warrants, with an emphasis on people with a history of violence. While dedicating himself to this important task, he did not neglect his regular assignments." For 1999 Officer Downie led the department with

160 felony arrests and served 191 felony arrest warrants. He made 99 misdemeanor arrests and served 305 misdemeanor warrants. Also that year, he received a commendation from the department for locating a homicide suspect. Officer Downie continues to assist with the training of new recruits in the department's Situational Reasoning exercises.

Downie and his wife are involved with the Homebound Ministry of their church and volunteer countless hours with the Meals on Wheels program. Sgt. Gore refers to him as "the very epitome of what a police officer should strive to be and he is an example of what our nation needs and expects from its law enforcement officers."

Located in our nation's capital, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers. The Fund, which was authorized by Congress to build and maintain the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, pays special tribute to the more than 15,000 officers who have died in the line of duty dating back to 1792. The NLEOMF Officer of the Month Program, which began in 1996, recognizes federal, state and local officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary law enforcement service and devotion to duty.

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#### AUTO TRAVEL

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PURPOSE
Away from home business (overnight)
Between first and second job
Classes
Concert
Meetings
Repairs

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#### TRAVEL AWAY FROM HOME OVERNIGHT

TRANSPORTATION	LIST OUT-OF-TOWN TRIPS
Automobile	_____
Car rental	_____
Parking	_____
Taxi	_____
Train, bus, subway	_____
Other:	_____

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## Silent Heroes

by Craig W. Floyd  
January 3, 2001

In New York, three officers were sent to prison for their roles in the brutal assault against a man. Abner Louma, who was in police custody. In New Jersey, five officers were recently found guilty of civil rights violations in the beating of a man they wrongly arrested on suspicion that he murdered a fellow officer. In Los Angeles, members of an elite anti-gang police unit were convicted of planting evidence and other corruption charges.

For many Americans, those are the unforgettable images of policing in America during the year 2000—and for good reason. Because of the great power and trust that we have bestowed upon our law enforcement professionals, we must hold them to the highest standards of conduct. When they come up short, we should be shocked and outraged, and appropriate punishment should result. This is a view shared by every honorable law enforcement officer in America. They understand better than anyone else that when a bad cop infiltrates the ranks, or when a good cop loses control, it tarnishes the badge of every officer and breeds mistrust with the public they serve.

Skeptics might dispute this fact and point to what some have called a "code of silence" that supposedly prevents officers from ratting on a colleague. But, the facts simply do not support this claim. Actually, in many law enforcement agencies around the country the majority of misconduct charges investigated by a department's internal affairs division are filed not by citizens, but by other police officers.

Those same skeptics would probably also argue that excessive use of force by police officers is widespread and that the cases that make the newspapers are just the tip of the iceberg. In fact, the exact opposite is true. Based on a study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, fewer than one-tenth of one percent of all calls that police respond to ever result in the use of any type of force. Put another way, police do not use force of any kind 99.9 percent of the time.

There are some, I suppose, who will always expect the worst of our police

officers. And, if that negative attitude helps to challenge our officers to do a better job and to work harder at building the public's trust, then that is okay.

But, as we assess the job performed by our law enforcement officers during the past year, let us not forget about the innocent lives that were saved and the brave officers who died preserving public safety. While the plummeting crime rate appears to be leveling off, the FBI recently reported that the number of serious crimes declined again during the first half of 2000 to its lowest level since 1978. More police officers, who are better prepared for the job than ever before, is the biggest reason America is safer. This fact is too often overlooked, and so are the sacrifices made by our officers. Between 1992, when the crime rate began its steady decline, and 1999 there were 1,250 federal, state and local law enforcement officers killed in the performance of duty. They put themselves in harm's way so the rest of us could be safe.

In the year 2000, those sacrifices continued. Some 150 officers made the ultimate sacrifice during the past 12 months—that is roughly one officer killed somewhere in America nearly every other day. Maryland State Trooper Edward Toatley was conducting an undercover drug buy when he was shot and killed. Cincinnati Officer Kevin Crayon was dragged to his death by a car being driven by a 12-year-old boy who attempted to flee when the officer asked for a driver's license. Oklahoma Corrections Sgt. Joe A. Gamble was stabbed to death when he went to assist a fellow officer who was being attacked by an inmate. California Highway Patrol Officer Sean Nava was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting at an accident scene. Texas Trooper Randall Vetter was shot and killed by a man he had stopped for not wearing his seatbelt.

The stories of police corruption and brutality must not be forgotten, but neither should these stories of selfless service and heroic sacrifice. In the words of Molly Winters, the National President of the Concerns of Police Survivors, "Too often, the rare missteps of our police officers are sensationalized and the many sacrifices go unnoticed."

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For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

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### January Meeting

Our monthly meeting was on Jan. 23, 2001. Two members attended their first meeting. Dennis DeNoi is retired from the USMC. He has been with LAPD for four years and is assigned to Training Division. Art Dixon has had prior service in the Navy. He is a civilian employee with LAPD and has been assigned to Training Division for six years. Welcome gentlemen; we hope to see more of you.

### Day at the Races

Sunday, Jan. 23 as the annual "Day at the Races," sponsored by the 17th District of the American Legion.

It was a warm and beautiful day. The District ordered buffet style foods for 1,000 people. Yup, we finished it all. A few of the ladies had plastic bags in their purses because there were no leftovers. Next year I'm going to bring a bag, those kosher dill pickles were great.

And talk about winners, we all have our own method for picking winners. Regrettably, not all of the methods worked. The big win of the day was when a group of eight pooled their money and bet on a long shot, just at random. The horse came in on a photo finish. Someone said that it (picking the win) was skill. Sure it was. Please pass the pickles.

### Membership Requirements

To join the American Legion, a prospective member has to have served on active duty in one of the military services.

Post #381 Police Post is what is called a "Specialty Post." In addition to having military service, the member also has to have been employed by the LAPD (civilian or sworn). Other "Specialty Posts" in the area include Post 309, Sheriffs; Post 342, Water & Power; and Post 653, Los Angeles Post Office. Posts other than "Specialty Posts" only require prior military service.

If you meet these two requirements (military service & LAPD employment) and are not a member, well you should

stop by at one of our monthly meetings or give us a call. The yearly dues are only \$30.00. It's a tax deduction, and it helps the veterans.

### Transfers

**Mitchell Nowlen** is a Motor Cop assigned to Valley Traffic. He was a member of another American Legion post. He recently transferred to Police Post Welcome. Mitch, hope you can make it to our steak fry in June

### Sweats in Every Seabag

Navy officials are in the process of approving a PT outfit, for all Navy personnel. The gear includes shorts, T-shirt and a sweat suit (it sounds like our academy PT outfit). The clothing will be used during physical training and yearly testing. The standardized uniform is hoped to build esprit de corps, promote teamwork and help shape a sharper image of the Navy. (Do you know where your sweat is?)

### Fifty Year Members

National Commander of the American Legion Ray G. Smith has sent me "Continuous Membership Certificates" for the following persons. They are members of Post 381 who have had continuous membership in good standing for 50 years: Donald E. Anderson, Joel M. Baldwin, Gale C. Banks, Richard C. Briggs, Kenneth W. Carlsfeld, Delvin L. Carroll, Gerald G. Cohen, Charles E. Collins, Clifford R. DeBernardi, Robert T. Fishel, Harold J. Flores, Leonard R. Flores, George Henderson, Martin L. Johnson, John W. Judd, John J. Kellinski, Orval H. Long, Jr., Gerald T. Mahoney, Joseph T. Marchesano, William G. Menton, Ignacio C. Salseda, Robert M. Smith, Stanley E. Smith, Arthur J. Trax, Jr., and Samuel A. Wilson, Jr.

Fifty years is a long time. Most readers of this article aren't even fifty years old. Not personally knowing any of the named members or knowing any of their stories, I was curious about "how and why." I went back "on-line" in history fifty years to 1951. I found out that Japan surrendered on Sept. 9, 1945. These members could be WWII veterans. But then on June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded the Republic of South Korea. So, the members could have been Korean War vets, or possibly they served in both wars. Now I'm more curious.

The certificates will be presented to the honorees at the yearly steak fry. It will be at the Police Academy on July 17, 2001. I hope that some of the honorees can make it. I sure would like to hear some of their stories and express my appreciation in person.

### Questions to Ponder

Why does Hawaii have interstate? Why does a medical doctor not have a business, but a "practice"? Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?

there another word for "thesaurus"? Why are flotation devices under airplane seats rather than parachutes? If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

Why is it that when you transport something by car it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo? Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

### Memories

Late in Jan., 1951, at Station General Hospital, Camp Pickett, Virginia, Lt. Sal Aquilina, U.S. Army Medical Corps, entered the ward and asked me to capably assume a very important and difficult case. "Are you interested?" I accepted.

He told me about Corporal Tyler, a motor pool mechanic who had been seriously burned when a gasoline dump near Pusan, Korea, exploded. His injuries were severe and the details were graphic. Other hospital personnel would not get close to him for the foul odor from his burns. Corporal Tyler would require

critical for him prior to each surgery.

I was saw to watch a normally healthy young man waste away even though we all tried to help him.

Fifty years ago, on February 2001, Corporal Tyler came into my life. Modern medicine at the time did everything to try and save his life. Wheel blood transfusions, postage stamp skin grafts, relieving bed sores by turning him over on a Stryker frame bed, plus tender loving care.

I was discharged in February, 1952. Corporal Tyler had been my responsibility for 13 months. Before leaving I interviewed several medical technicians before choosing my replacement. About two years later, as I was walking my son in his carriage, I met a fellow who had been one of my patients. He quickly filled me in on the news of his hospital. I asked him about Corporal Tyler. He told me about his death. He told me that Corporal Tyler kept calling for me.

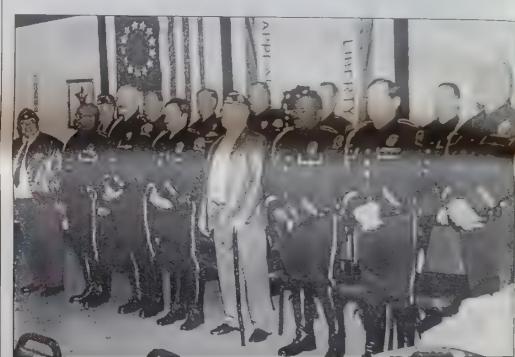


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aseptic dressing, which was considered a surgical procedure.

I entered Ward A-25, a septic surgical ward. The patients housed on Ward A-25 were gunshot wounds, amputees, burns, frostbite and generally the most severe or complicated cases. After their injuries in Korea, they were sent to Camp Pickett because it was near their home and families.

Corporal Tyler was a special case. Although he was from somewhere in Virginia, he never had visitors. His diagnosis was third degree burns over most of his torso and his legs. He weighed 95 lbs. and smoked continuously. In fact, it was his smoking habit that had caused his injuries. Apparently he dropped a lighted match on the ground when his clothes were full of gasoline. Fortunately, his combat boots saved his feet. (Did I mention that his I.Q. was in the mid-eighties?)

Every two weeks he had to have grafting to the burn areas. He was an uncooperative patient. He wouldn't eat but smoked cigarettes continuously. I had to post an order that prohibited him from having a cigarette until he drank a malt first. He needed to gain weight, which

Corporal Tyler was not a typical G.I., nor was he wounded in battle, but he was a volunteer soldier that had served in Korea. His ultimate sacrifice was due to the war. I was one of the lucky ones only because I had a military specialty that kept me stateside. I think of him often. I think of the many incidents that occurred while I was in charge of the ward. I remembered some of the other kids with whom I had been called back. A few had been my patients. Today they are senior citizens. I hope they are well and perhaps forgot the painful past and remembered the happier times. —Mark Gerin, Second Vice Commander, Police Post

### The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is March 20, 2001. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00. There is a \$5 donation for dinner. Location—the Panorama Post, at 13553 Reedley St., Panorama City.

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### POST TRAINING Bureaus by Training Dates

Feb 28-Mar 1	Hollenbeck Div	OCB
Mar 5/Mar 6	77th Div	OSB
Mar 7/Mar 8	West Los Angeles Div	OWB
<b>DEPLOYMENT PERIOD NO. 3</b>		
Mar 12-Mar 13	North Hollywood Div	OVB
Mar 14/Mar 15	Anti-Terrorist Div	OHB
Mar 14/Mar 15	Criminal Intelligence Grp	OHB
Mar 14/Mar 15	DARE Div	OHB
Mar 14/Mar 15	Juvenile Services Grp	OHB
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Mar 14/Mar 15	Organized Crime & Vice Div	OHB
Mar 14/Mar 15	Robbery-Homicide Div	OHB
Mar 19/Mar 20	Northeast Div	OCB
Mar 21/Mar 22	Southeast Div	OSB
Mar 26/Mar 27	Pacific Div LAX	OWB

Officers will still have to possess either an Intermediate or Advanced POST Certificate to obtain this POST incentive money.

The following is an upcoming schedule for this POST training.

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Years of Law Enforcement Experience	8	6	4	4	2

the employee shall have acquired the following combinations of education, either semester units or degrees, combined with the prescribed years of law enforcement.

#### For Advanced Certificate

Minimum education points, semester units/degrees	30	45	AA Degree	BA or BS Degree	Masters Degree
Years of Law Enforcement Experience	12	9	9	6	4

the employee shall have acquired the following combinations of education, either semester units or degrees, combined with the prescribed years of law enforcement.

#### For Supervisory Certificate

employee must have completed:

1. Two years in rank as a supervisor (Sgt. or Det. II)
2. Sergeant or Detective Supervisor School.
3. A minimum of 60 semester units or possess an AA Degree.

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employee must have completed:

1. Two years in rank as a lieutenant.
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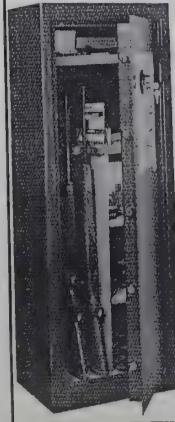
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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jack H. Schonely  
Air Support Division

## TFO News

On Jan. 31st, Officer Greg MacDonald completed his four month probation/training period and received his Tactical Flight Officer Wings. Greg's family and friends were there to help celebrate his accomplishment. Capt Hillmann did the honors, pinning on Greg's wings. Congratulations, Greg, from all of us at ASD.

## ASD Awards

Recently several officers at ASD received awards. Command Pilot John Harrell received the Stephen Jay Hooper Award for ASD's employee of 2000. John was responsible for air operations during the DNC. This was a huge task organizing, coordinating, and educating aircrews from local, state, and

went very well. Much of this was due to the efforts of John Harrell. Congratulations John.

The aircrew of the year was also named recently. This honor went to Command Pilot Pat McNamara and Tactical Flight Officer Mark Bolanos. Both Pat and Mark are dedicated employees who consistently go that extra mile for Air Support Division. Pat is currently assigned to the Special Flights section of ASD, but is frequently spotted flying PM watch ASTRO. Pat is a sought-after partner due to his knowl-

dled the call and kept us advised of exactly what the plan was. His information allowed us to maximize our efforts and help keep all of the officers on the call safe. Giving an aircrew the comments of a call is often helpful, and we really appreciate when you let us know what the plan is prior to executing it. My partner and I both commented on how well the call went due to some simple communication between the primary unit and the TFO. James Lumpkin thanks for your extra effort on the call. We do appreciate it.

## ASD Tip of the Month

Perimeters are a challenging tactic, but if done correctly are very effective. The first minute after losing sight of a suspect is the most critical. One of the decisions that have to be made is size of the perimeter. There are several factors that must be quickly considered, the most

important of these is what is the suspect wanted for. Is it attempt 459 or did he just shoot at you and your partner. If the crime is one of a very serious nature like ADW on a police officer or you are chasing a known serial criminal you should immediately think big. I have been at numerous perimeters that are one square block for a suspect who shot at and sometimes hit an officer. Think about that for a minute. Is a suspect that just shot at you going to hang out there or get as far away from that scene as possible. In most cases it is later so we need to do our part to contain him. That could mean three or four blocks in every direction for a crime. We will do everything we can to assist you with your perimeter. Please remember that the decisions you make at that first minute are going to affect the success of your containment. Watch



John Harrell

federal agencies. John spent many long hours meeting with law enforcement and media air crews so that all of us were on the same page when the DNC began. It was a complicated situation and it all



Pat McNamara and Mark Bolanos

edge and experience working both sides of the cockpit. Mark is a long time PM watcher working ASTRO. Since day one at ASD, Mark has always strived to learn as much as possible about the job of a TFO. He takes his job very seriously and consistently strives to give all of you on the ground the best service Air Support has to offer. Pat and Mark earned this honor through their dedication to all of you. Well done, guys.

## Comments of the Call

Recently my partner and I were over a Possible 459 Suspect There Now call in 77th. We arrived a few minutes prior to the ground unit and observed nothing unusual at the location. As the primary unit approached from several blocks away a familiar 77th voice broke the silence, and on simplex advised us that he was a minute out. He then read us the comments of the call. Most of that information was never broadcasted in the original hot shot. This officer then han-

## Whatz Up With Wilshire

by Steve Nichols  
Wilshire Division

We're back . . . and not a moment too soon. My apologies for not having an article last month, but sometimes stuff happens

To start, a step back in time to the Wilshire holiday party (Dec. 8) is in order. As promised, here are some photos of a few who were (un)lucky enough to get caught on film. (A special thank you to Officer Baxter Duke who took the photos.)



Capt Albanese, Capt Jacobs, and wives



It appears that a good time was had by all.

On a more serious note Wilshire Division would like to extend our sympathy to Sgt. D. Medof who recently suffered the passing of his father. Our thoughts are with you, Sir, at this time. Please know we are here for you. Also, from my partner, Officer J. Talmage, he extends his appreciation to all the officers who expressed their sympathy at the passing of his mother (Dec. 8).

Wilshire Division has started the year with a bang. Crime is down within our borders, and for the first time in quite a while, officers can see a glimmer of hope in what has been an otherwise dismal situation. Capt. Albanese recently addressed midday watch roll call, and discussed a variety of issues currently facing officers. He commented on the dangers officers face when dealing with dangerous and combative suspects along with the dangers they face as a result of liability associated with their actions. In an open discussion format, we discussed the complaint form process and the pending consent decree. Capt. Albanese reminded us that it took courage to become a police officer, and that it takes courage to perform the duties of our position each and every day we "clear." He summed it up best when he said, "At 2:00 in the morning when there's a prowler in the backyard, it's not the ACLU or "Police Watch" a community member will call. It's LAPD, and a Los Angeles Police Officer will respond and put his or her life at risk in order to protect the community member and their family." He continued by saying that we cannot afford to compromise our oath of office by not performing our duties to the best of our ability. There are a quarter of a million men, women and children who live in Wilshire Area who depend on us to protect and to serve them. As professional police officers, we cannot let anything stand in the way of providing quality service to the community. This service must be consistently provided with honor and integrity. He thanks us for reducing violent crime in Wilshire Area by 1.3% in 1999. This is significant, because the rest of the city realized an 8% increase in violent crime. He also thanked us for being one of the most productive divisions in the city. Our continued mission, in part for 2001, will be to further reduce the number of victims, solve community problems, and be as productive as we can be.

Good job, all! Until next time . . .

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# All American Division 77th

by Maria C. Marquez  
77th Street Division

## Once Upon a Time ...

Twelve years ago Jim Miller came to 77th Street as a sergeant. Back in the day, when a sergeant could be a sergeant in the field, that is where you would find Jim. He would be there on our calls, assisting us in any way he could. Taking suspects into custody, deploying on perimeters, interviewing suspects and victims was routine. He never thought of his rank as a privilege, he just wanted to make sure that his officers were taken care of. When he needed to quickly take on the role of the sergeant on scene, he completed his task. There were even a few times when he created his own little adventures for us to partake in, and that was always fun. Jim put in countless hours while a sergeant at 77th Street, and it appears he is going to be doing the same as Commanding Officer of 77th Street. Captain Miller has come to a division with some serious morale issues, and he understands the task which lies ahead. He has an abundance of experience when it comes to management issues, but he still remembers his past at 77th Street when our lives in patrol were in "Mach 2" from the time you cleared until EOW.

Captain Miller and his wife Sherry reside in Devonshire Area and have two grown children, Kristi and Jeremy.

Welcome back to all of you! May this ride be a little bit smoother!

When asked about his vision for 77th Street, this is what he says: "I see a unique opportunity for 77th Street Area to become the premiere Area of Operations-South Bureau and the entire city. We have some of the best officers in the city engaged in police work of major importance. In order to be as effective as possible, we must focus our efforts on those things, which will impact the future and make a difference in peoples' lives. We must treat all citizens with as much respect as they will allow. 77th Street is a good place to work and we will create a positive working environment where employees look forward to coming to work."

## May the Tradition Continue

LAPRAAC pulled a fast one on us and moved up the weight-lifting contest date to March 16th. Was this some attempt to catch this "All American Division" off guard? Well, we still have our "Power Pig" mentor, Lt. Paul Von Lutzow. So long as we maintain the title, he promises not to retire. Go figure, over 30 years on the job, and he chooses to stay on for us! Is that inspiration or what? At present this division is training diligently to keep the title! We welcome the challenge! We do not dress pretty, we just show up with a heartfelt determination. Best of luck to all of you!

## You Can Run, But You Can't Hide

On January 16th, Officers Rudy Chavez, #31642, and Michael Mariscal, #35457, received information of a named suspect involved in robberies in the area of 76th Street and Vermont Avenue. While patrolling the area, the officers observed the suspect and attempted to take him into custody. After a foot pursuit, and a quickly established

perimeter, the suspect was taken into custody while hiding under a car. Several D.R. numbers were cleared as a result of the officer's arrest.

Violent crime is still on the rise, and the increase appears to center around armed gang members. Hello...! Back in September, Top Dollar Hustlers began feuding among themselves and suspect Moore "Big Wood" shot one of his homeboys in the head and thigh. Officer Matthew Cundiff, #31349, who was assigned this gang, knew the victim and

Outstanding work! Keep up the good job, guys!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you from your brothers and sisters at 77th Street. May the road rise before you.



Ron and Betty (Masterson) welcome "Jordon Brooke" 11/1/00 (6) lbs, (8) oz, 19" long.



"Carissa Leeann Bixler" Brian and Alli's baby angel delivered on July 24th...



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suspect. Officer Cundiff prepared a six pack photographic lineup and the victim positively identify the suspect.

Wanted flyers were given to patrol and gang officers, and on January 6th, Officer Cliff Chu, #33547, and Dave Ross, 33632, while conducting a routine traffic stop, recognized the passenger in the vehicle to be "Big Wood." He was taken into custody without incident.

May your swing be straight, may the ball fly high and far, and may God Himself bring you home.

Stay safe.

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jeff Churchill  
Newton Division

### Commendable Capers

Newton CLEAR nabs "38 Street" again with a multi three-felony arrest

On January 16, 2001, Officers Kevin Scott and Miguel Contreras drove by a market located at 32nd Street and Compton Avenue. They observed a graffiti removal employee painting over "Thirty Eight Street Gang" graffiti on the south wall of the market. Officers Scott and Contreras also noticed three infamous "38 Street" gang members standing approximately 50 yards east of the location watching the removal of their logo.

Approximately thirty minutes later, Officers Scott and Contreras were cruising northbound on Compton Avenue when they noticed a notorious "38 Street" gang member, whom they had observed earlier, spray painting his logo over the freshly painted wall of the market located at 32nd Street and Compton Avenue. The young man probably ran

out of paper at home. Officers Scott and Contreras also saw his two "38 Street" accomplices, that they had also seen earlier, acting as lookouts. Just then one of the lookouts yelled out "The cops are coming!" So the chase was on, with the banger fleeing on foot with the spray paint in his right hand and Officer Scott and Contreras in hot pursuit. A the gang member attempted to open the gate to a residence with his left hand. Officer Scott and Contreras observed an item drop to the ground from his waistband area. Just as Officers Scott and Contreras exited their vehicle they saw the gang member bend down and pick up a blue steel semi-auto handgun, shoving it back into his waistband area and continued to run inside the residence, slamming the front door shut.

Officers Scott and Contreras quickly set up a perimeter around the house and requested additional units to assist in the apprehension of this notorious gang member. Moments later the additional officers arrived along with their supervisor, and they formulated a plan of attack. The "38 Street" gang member, seeing the overwhelming force setting up in front of his home, decided to give up. Officers Scott and Contreras took the gang member into custody for vandalism and carrying a concealed weapon without any further incident.

During their search of the gang member's home, they recovered both the semi-auto handgun, which was a 45 cal-

iber, fully loaded with one round in the chamber, and that can of spray paint.

Just as Officers Scott and Contreras were concluding their investigation, they observed the two other scandalous "38 Street" gang members lingering across the street from their partner's house, so Officers Scott and Contreras directed the other officers to arrest them for vandalism.

Gang member #1 was arrested for 626 9 PC (carrying a gun within 1,000 feet of a school).

Gang members #2 and #3 were arrested for 602 WIC/186.22 PC (participation in a gang crime).

Outstanding work goes to both Officer Kevin Scott and Officer Miguel Contreras for ridding the community of these three notoriously violent "38 Street" gang members.

### Ins and Outs

Welcome to Newton Lt. MacNamea from Central. Lt. Pridgeaux from Hollenbeck, Det. Callahan from Pacific, Officer Henry from 77th, Officer Oseguera from Wilshire, Officer Reyes from Wilshire, Management Assistant Jarillo from Communications, and Police Student Worker Mejia.

A big say ya to: Lt. Billy Hayes who is off to Southwest and will be missed. Sgt. Rudolph Velasquez is leaving us for Operations-Central Bureau. And Senior Police Service Representative Elizabeth "Gail" Burnett is cruising over to DARE Division.

Congratulations go to: Det. I. Mario Cortez and Det. I. Jesus Valle. Both were promoted to Det. II and will continue to

race around Newton's Operation Support Division. And, Officer Ricardo Acosta was promoted to P.O. III in Newton's Operation Support Division Vice Unit.

### New Newtonites

Congratulations go to Rosie Mascarenas wife of Newton Officer Mark Mascarenas for the birth of their daughter, Madeline Marie. Madeline was born on December 6, 2000, at 12:37 p.m., weighing in at 4 lbs. 6 oz. with a height of 17 inches.

Congratulations go to Brett Gallagher wife of Newton Officer Kevin Gallagher for the birth of their son, Michael Edward. Michael was born on January 10, 2001, at 7 lbs., 15-1/2 oz., height of 20 inches.



Sgt. Rick Arteaga and new daughter

And finally, congratulations to Frances Marie Arteaga, wife of Newton Sgt. Rick Arteaga, for the birth of their daughter, Juliette Marie. Juliette was born on January 11, 2001, at 8:46 a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs., 10 oz. height of 19-1/4 inches.

back, another security guard at the station.

Officers interviewed the P/R's partner and he confessed to the burglaries. The suspect was still wearing the security jacket missing several letters from the back.

Due to the outstanding interview skills and attention to the details by the officers and Sgt. at the scene, another burglar is off the streets, great job.

### Sporting News From The Castle

Well the Rampart "D" squad has the best record in the division with only one loss. Then there is the "C" team that is in a slump and on a two game loss



by James Tomeo  
Rampart Division

### Ins and Outs

This month on the OUT side I am sorry to tell you that by the time you read this he will be enjoying the company of the division to our Northeast. If you haven't heard Lt. Ruditsky A. has gone to Northeast division, *Semper Fidelis* sir. On the IN to replace him we are getting newly promoted Lt. Penna J. from ATD—congrats. We also have a few of our officers that have made Detective, P-2 Lozano R. going to Devonshire; P-3 Ortiz Y. going to Juvenile Division; P-3 Gonzalez Y. to Southwest; P-3+1 Ward R. (AKA Minime) to West Valley. We wish you all the best and good luck. We promoted a few so that means that we get a few right. Well two to be exact P-3 Armas D. from

77th, and P-2 Kershner P. from USD, both as D-1's. D-1 Rivera B. is on his way to Central, and P-2 Amezcua J. is "officially" gone to Central. D-1 Mattos returns from 3rd and Union as a Sgt-1. We also lost one of our best record clerks "Joanie Park" to Newton Division—good luck down there. Then we picked up PSW's Patel D. and H. from DARE division—welcome.

### New Additions To The Family

P-3 Ng H. and wife Lisa are the proud new parents of a little girl named Megan who weighed at 6-lbs. 7 oz. P-2 Perez B. and wife Grace have a new little boy named Steven Michael, weighing in at 7-lbs. 9 oz. Then there is P-2 Ogaz S. and Rosie's new arrival Alyssa Adella, weighing in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. P-2 Tran and his wife have a new baby boy named Derrick, he came in at 7lbs 5oz. All are doing well at home—Congrats to all and best wishes from the Rampart Family.

### Commendable Caper

P-3 Rojas #32125, P-2 Barajas #34251, and Sgt. Bunch #22408

On January 19, 2000 Officers Rojas and Barajas responded to a radio call for service of a theft investigation. When



Top L-R: Ofcrrs Covarrubias, Razo, Nunez, Tomeo, Burton, Sgt. Roman. Bottom L-R: Ofcrrs Martinez, Campos, Chan. Not pictured: Pacheco, Orapazo, Garcia, Ogaz

suites inside the building had in fact been burglarized of computer equipment. During the interview of the P/R officers asked if he could ID the man that had been seen pulling the bag from under the trailer. The P/R replied that he only observed the suspect from the back, but he looked like the P/R's partner from the

streak, but looking to finish the season strong. And last but not least the "A" team with a few flashes of a great team, is trying to stay alive in a strong "A" division this year. Stay tuned for next month, some cartoons for the basketball season will be following.



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## Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

### Willie the Pug Clears Case

CAPS Det. Lynn Hunter was working on an annoying phone call case, with a \$1.50 victim, but was having difficulty locating the suspect due to him having a somewhat "common" name. She did know that he was into real estate, but was going to have to I/C the case if she could not contact him. Then one afternoon she was walking through the parking lot of our station, when she and Det. Kathy Amos observed an adorable little pug wandering aimlessly, looking lost and scared. They made several attempts to catch him, finally cornering him and reeling him in. Fortunately, "Willie" had tags and his "family" (Tiffany Anderson and her 4-year-old son) was contacted. Tiffany was ecstatic and very appreciative. She responded to the station to pick up her "prize" pet and brought along a gift of Noah's bagels for Lynn, Kathy and "friends." After Tiffany left, her business card was discovered inside the bag of bagels. Lynn looked at the card and discovered that Tiffany was into real estate, and worked for a man



Officer Terri Marshall shows us her uncontrollable elation and enthusiasm while working the front desk.

with the same name as her "suspect". Lynn took a chance and called him. Lo and behold, it was her suspect! Although it was a case that would never reach the city attorney's office, she was able to clear it with a little help from Willie the Pug!

### Orville Wright School Shines Again

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, the Pacific Area Community Police Advisory Board sponsored a "super clean-up" at the middle school in Westchester. The effort began at 8:00 a.m., lasting until 1:00 p.m. Over 200 people participated in the clean-up, including students, parents, and advisors. There were also represen-

lunch at 12:30 which included hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks. Two large dipsy dumpsters, as well as one of the big 40-footer, were all filled to the top with trash, brush and debris. The well-organized event went off without a hitch, and the school looks new again! A big thanks goes out to all the participants!

### Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who recently promoted to Detective: Sgt Duane Cheekering who went to WLA, Officer Yolanda Callahan who went to Newton, and Kerry Young who went to Harbor. Best wishes!

### Movin' In

We welcome the following people who recently came to Pacific Area: Newly promoted Detectives Glorioso from FCD and Santillan over from Harbor, and Officer Kieft from Harbor

### Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who recently left Pacific Area: Det



Congratulations to Officer Scott Nichols & wife Robyn on the birth of their son Ian Logan Nichols. He was born on August 6, 2000 and weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz.

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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

## ACADEMY NEWS



by Tai Kingi  
Training Division

### Blast From the Past

I was talking to **Ken Olivier**, Senior Management Analyst of Training



Ken Olivier UCLA champion gymnast

Division and he so modestly mentioned his athletic past. He gave me some insight on his accomplished gymnastic

career. In high school he competed in three CIF championship teams. In junior college he established records for the number of consecutive pushups, pull-ups, and bar dips. Ken competed with three Pacific Coast conferences for UCLA. While at UCLA, Ken was a rope specialist with the best time of 3.7 seconds in the 20-foot rope climb. He was the largest competitor (in body and weight) in the United States. One of the UCLA teammates competed in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo and achieved the highest score for the team. His high school coach, Randall Bryen, held the world record in the rope climb and was also considered one of the best performers on the still rings during the 1930s and 1940s. At UCLA, Ken was coached by Don Perry, NCAA and world's record holder, and Bob Hammond, an NCAA champion in the rope climb. At the time he competed, there were four specialty events (20-foot rope climb, flying rings, trampoline and tumbling) besides the current five events of pommel horse, vault, still rings, parallel bars and horizontal bar.

Ken has been at Training Division for 28 years and is one of the most dedicated and respected individuals. His superior abilities, knowledge and skills got him elected as Officer of the Quarter for the year 2000, just to mention one of his many accolades over the years. On behalf of Training Division, we would like to say thank you for just being Ken, and you're not a bad gymnast either.

### 999 Run

It's that time again for the 999 thirteenth annual Sheriff's 5K/10K Run scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>. The annual run is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Department of Children and Family Services, and the Industry Manufacturers

Council. This annual event benefits victims of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation. All donations go to a fund established by the Sheriff's Relief Association for the purpose of purchas-

The newest arrival was another baby boy, Danny, born on September 21, 2000 weighing 8 lbs., 15 oz. Danny now joins the ranks of his three older brothers Michael, Samuel and Gabriel. Word has



The Ortega family

it. Manny is prepping his boys for a future recruit class.

### Promotions!

Congratulations to Officer **Johnny Angel Martinez** of Physical Training Unit for his promotion to the Sergeant ranks. Officer Martinez has been with Training Division for 6-1/2 years and is looking forward to the challenge of Hollywood Division. Officer Olivias insisted that his middle name "Angel" be mentioned. Officer **Jeff Freyermuth** said that "Maybe this year at Baker to Vegas he won't collapse at the finish line." Good luck!!

Training Division is losing some of its best for detective spots. Officer **Benjamin Jones** of Firearms Training Unit and Officer **Maria Pajacios** of Human Relations will be heading out to Wilshire Division. Officer **Johnathan Weiler** at the Granada Hills facility will be heading out to Foothill.

### New Arrivals

Congratulations to Academics Unit, Officer **Manny Ortega** and his wife, Carmen, for their new arrival. Manny was off for a few months spending some time with the family. This birth is nothing new to Manny and his wife since they are proud parents of now four boys.

### Outgoing

So long to B teamers **Duane Aikins** and **Jimmy Thornton**. Duane is heading over to geographically desirable Foothill division as a Sergeant. Jim, Det. 1 Thornton, is headed to Devonshire. Hey, can we still call it the Club? Congrats guys and best wishes in your new career paths.

### Welcome Back

Off the injured reserve list, warm welcome back to **Todd-ster Rheingold** (D) and **Paul** (the Brat) **Seban**. Paulie, I understand that 10 David, while acting as R-Cmdr, inquired as to the fate of my ill-fated Hawaiian turtle, Roger. After only hearing your name, 10 Davis decided he was better left in the dark.

### Maternity Ward

Congrats to B teamer **Brian Whetsel** and wife **Mari** who became the proud parents of identical twin baby girls on September 17, 2000. Older sister **Kelly Grace** weighed in at 5 lbs., 7 oz followed shortly by **Karina Anne** weighing in at 6 lbs., 6 oz. The indistinguishable siblings join big sister **Kylie**. Meanwhile, back inside the SWAT office, cigars are plentiful. SWAT babies! Although **Rick** and **Tisha Anzaldo** were not certain of the sex of their baby to be, they were certain on their choice of middle name—**Lou**, in honor of **Louie Villalobos**. Born on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1017 hours, daughter **Tatum Lou** made her debut. Tatum weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 oz., 20 inches long and joins big brother **Larson**. The following day, Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, precious **Kelsey Bacon** made her long-

awaited debut. Kelsey weighed in at 6 lbs., 6 oz. Proud Papa **Keith** is still floating on air. Mom, **Schuyler**, is doing well. Kelsey joins big brother **Brandon**. A few days later, on January 11, **Amanda Angel Rios** was born to proud parents **Joe & Angelica**. Amanda weighed in at 7 lbs., 6 oz. and 19 inches long. Next up, born on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, **Kyle Robert Melchior**. Kyle weighed in at 8 lbs. even and 20-1/2 inches long. Papa **Rob** and Mommy **Tracy** are adjusting well. Congratulations to all the new parents.

### Movement

More SWAT news. Congrats to former Cavalry member **Ronnie Daniels**. Ronnie has made the transition from spurs to SWAT gear. I'm sure you are well acquainted with the term standby, and I'm not talking radio terminology.

### Orlando News

Sorry, unable to furnish the details from the Round-up. I attempted to reach **Mike Odle** for his synopsis of the event. No luck, he wasn't available. I was told he was busy at the studios doing **Johnny Bravo** voice-overs. The team finished in 15<sup>th</sup> place this year. Although I'm sure disappointed as they may be, the effort these guys put into this competition is nothing less fierce, and no doubt the boys will be back in the saddle again next year with a vengeance.

### Kennel Club News

Another platoon element member making a major move is former B teamer **Mike Peters**. Mike filled the K91 spot in the unit. Congrats, Mike.

Until next time, R-10 girl, clear.

## All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy  
Metropolitan Division

Greeting, greetings and a happy St. Paddy's day to all. May the luck of the Irish always be with you.

### 'Twas the Season...

Hopefully you and yours had a wonderful holiday season blessed with all the joys and special moments it can create. The spirit of giving was not lost to those of 114. During the weeks preceding the arrival of the big, fat man, a few

platoons were hard at work pulling elf duty. On Thursday, December 14, Boy platoon teamed up with the Secret Service for their annual toy drive to distribute toys to some displaced young stars in area Women's shelters. David team paired up with AAA of Southern California for their annual toy drive to benefit the children of Orthopaedic Hospital. The K9 unit also distributed toys to needy children. The contributions from the efforts of all platoons resulted in more than 3,000 gifts. In addition to the gracious Christmas gift donations, S.W.A.T. assisted the AAA group with their Rose Parade Float décor on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Incoming

Welcome home to Sgt. II **Jorge Rodriguez**. Jorge, a former Charlie platoon element member, is returning with a rocker to fill a supervisory position in the MOS lineup. Congrats.

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**AAA TRAVEL**



by Det. Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

### Commendable Incident

The following comes from the files of the Bank Squad. In August of 1994 RHD's Bank Squad Det. **Joe Chandler** responded to the scene of an armed takeover robbery of a Bank of America located in Harbor Division Det



Det Joe Chandler (2/1939 - 7/1995)  
On LAPD 1/1969 - 7/1995

Chandler discovered that the suspects had entered the bank with guns drawn. Two male suspects ordered the armed security guard not to move. The guard complied and stood still. The leader of this group, a female later identified as Sonja Key, approached the guard, disarmed him, then shot him in the head with his own weapon. As the guard lay on the ground dying, this lowlife, Sonja, straddled over him, pointed the gun at the stunned witnesses and stated, "Who wants to be next?" The other suspects vaulted the teller counter and removed currency from several teller drawers. The suspects then left the location.

What many people did not know was that at the time of this robbery Det. Joe Chandler was battling cancer. Realizing the terminal nature of his illness Det. Chandler called in his partner, **Steve Laird** (retired from LAPD '97 now assistant VP corporate security for BofA), so that he would be involved with every aspect of the investigation. Det. Laird, who was on vacation, responded to the scene.

Within seven days of this murder/robbery, the suspects went to Wilshire Division and committed their second armed takeover bank robbery. During this robbery another female suspect shot the unarmed security guard several times. Stunned customers and employees dropped to the ground. Sonja, who was armed, remained in the lobby area as a lookout. While standing guard, she approached an elderly female who was laying face down and began to pistol-whip her. The bank surveillance cameras recorded this cowardly act. The photograph was given to the local media with a request for assistance from the public to help in identifying these ruthless killers.

Within one day of the press release, the detectives received an anonymous

call from a citizen that named Sonja Key as the leader of this group. SIS was requested to monitor Key while the detectives showed "six pack" photos to the witnesses. The detectives obtained tentative identifications only and per the District Attorney more evidence was needed to obtain a filing. On the sixth day of their surveillance, SIS observed six suspects enter two vehicles (three suspects per vehicle) and followed them to a bank in Hollywood Division. As four of the suspects, including Key, armed themselves in preparation to enter the bank, SIS moved in and took all of the suspects into custody without incident. (Another fine job under very stressful conditions by our friends at SIS.)

During the follow-up investigation, Detectives Chandler and Laird discovered that Sonja Key was a very evil person. Two years prior to the bank robberies she had been involved with two armored car robberies. During one of the robberies, Sonja, aka "Puppet" and her female partner approached the guard as he returned to the armored truck with a bag of currency. Sonja's partner engaged the guard in a gun battle during which both individuals were wounded. Not wanting to leave a potential witness behind that may identify her, Sonja shot her partner in the head killing her. She then fled the area. Now, not wanting to be a bad friend, Sonja went to her partner's funeral and wrote in the guest book, "Sorry, had to do it. Puppet."

This evidence was later used in her trial. Sonja, along with three others, were sentenced to life without parole, the two getaway drivers were sentenced to 30 years. The jury deadlocked nine to three for death but three jurists could not sentence a woman to death. (Nice.)

I'm sorry to say that Det. Joe Chandler passed away in July, 1995, between the preliminary hearing and trial. Det.



L-R: Cheryl Chandler (Joe's Daughter), Lt. Jim Grayson, Madeline Chandler (Joe's wife).

Chandler served the city and citizens with integrity and honor for 26-1/2 years. Det. Chandler was recently honored by the television series Arrest and Trial, which dedicated their November, 2000, show to him. The show reenacted the crimes and arrest of Key and her accomplices. Society lost a true hero but his memory will always live on.

### Retirements

Chris Arce is pulling the pin after 30 years of service to the city. Chris started her career in 1970 and has worked Central Records, Hollenbeck Records, Central Detectives, PDID then on to RHD in June, 1985. For the past 15 years Chris has had the pleasure of working under the command of Captains William Cobb, Jerry Bova, W. O. Garland and Jim Tatreau. In addition to working for these fine captains, Chris

had also worked the Major Crimes Section under the command of Lt. Ed Henderson. Chris has been an integral part of the RHD family, from her involvement to the daily operations of the division to her involvement in organizing the annual Christmas parties. Chris and her husband, Addison "Bud" Arce, will be pulling up stakes and moving to Hayden, Idaho. For those of you that

since 1962 (I was three then). Even with all that time on 1 APD, Jack is second in seniority on the department.

### Welcome to Our Family

The Bank Squad and Robbery Specials are pleased to welcome back Senior Clerk Typist **Donna Corrales** who had taken a brief sabbatical in North East Division. Also joining us at



L-R: Brett Richards, Paul Robi, Jack Giroud, Dave Friedrich, Jerry Brooks, "Boom Boom" Ray Hernandez, Larry Winston celebrating Jack's 45th with LAPD

want to say "see ya," a going away/retirement party will be held at the Academy Lounge on March 29th at 1630 hours.

### RHD Family Business

Like the energizer bunny, RHD's Det./Sgt. **Jack "Mr. Robbery" Giroud** keeps on going. Jack celebrated his 45th year with LAPD on Thursday, February 1st. Jack has been assigned to RHD

RHD is Senior Management Analyst **Pam Davenport** (Rampart), new to OIS is Lt. **Rick Papke** (FTHL) and Det. **Olivia Joyos** (HRB).

That about does it. Don't forget to mark Saturday, June 9th, for our second annual steak-fry/reunion at the academy (more info to follow).

Until next time, BE SAFE.

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# DHD

The Department's 411

by Mary E. Lopez  
Detective Headquarters Division

### Just Another Day at DHD

Detective Headquarters Division (DHD) held its first training day for 2001. The training was held in Griffith Park at the Crystal Spring Ranger Station. The training was very informative and will no doubt be useful in DHD's daily activities. A BIG thank you goes out to all of you who helped prepare the very tasty food we enjoyed at the steak fry. Okay, I just have to say it, the room was FREEZING!! And to the person who booked that room, the word is out, we will find you.

### Unit Profile

Systemwide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART) is designed to provide a cooperative, compassionate mental health/law enforcement response team to assist affected citizens in accessing available mental health services. SMART is responsible in assisting field officers whenever they come into contact with suspected mentally ill persons. The team is able to provide quick resolution without unnecessary incarceration or hospitalization. The objective is to provide intervention, referral, or placement for a mentally ill person allowing field officers to quickly return to other field duties.

One example is when SMART responded to a report of a disorderly passenger on board an aircraft at the Los Angeles International Airport. Airline

personnel reported that the subject was harassing other passengers on board the aircraft, went to the lavatory during the flight and scrubbed the sink until his knuckles bled, burned his knuckles with a lighter and simulated shooting passengers with his hands. Officer William Villaseñor and Mental Health Clinician Dr. Mitchell Caine responded to the scene to evaluate the subject who was taken into custody by airport detail officers. The subject was placed on a 5150 WIC hold and transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center for further evaluation and treatment. Good job, keep up the good work

### Thank God She is in Law Enforcement

I have to roll over on one of my partners—Det. Rosibel Smith bought her son a very nice and expensive drum set for Christmas. Rose, being as impatient as she is, couldn't wait until her husband assembled the drum set. Rose, along



Exhibit #1

with her co-accuse mother-in-law, assembled the drum set on their very own. And VOILA, see exhibit #1. Yes, she was serious and couldn't figure out why she had numerous parts left over. Sorry, Rose, this was just too funny to keep to myself.

### Promotions

A congratulation goes out to Joyce Banuelos who is now the D-3 in the Gun Unit.

# F-16

by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Division

### Foothill Patrol

Officers Rios, #32405, and Gonzales, #33390, were working 16A1 in uniform patrol in the area of 12775 Encinitas Ave. Motel 6 motel. This location was known for recovery of stolen vehicles. At this point officers noticed a two-door brown Honda Accord parked to the rear of the above location. Officers ran the vehicle for wants and warrants and came back L.A.P.D. Foothill stolen. While officers were checking on driver of the vehicle from the Hotel manager, officers observed the stolen vehicle exit the motel parking lot. Officers entered their police vehicle and followed the stolen car N/B 1-5 Fwy from Roxford St. Officers requested a backup and Air Unit and continued to follow the three male African American suspects in the stolen vehicle N/B 14 Fwy. The first unit to arrive was Dev. Unit 17X79 Officers Green, #30923, and Kraymer, #35128, Air Unit Officers Kickbush, #27221, and Ackermann, #20944. Officer Rios activated the red emergency equipment to conduct a felony stop. At this time the driver failed to stop and Officer Rios advised communication that he was in pursuit. The driver exited the freeway at the Agua Dulce off ramp and continued to drive S/B back toward the city of Santa Clarita. Approximately one mile from the freeway the passenger of the vehicle threw a handgun out of the front passenger window, officers advised the following officers to retrieve the handgun. At this point the driver of the stolen vehicle was W/B on Soledad Canyon Road to Lang Station Road, where the suspects stopped their vehicle. Officers conducted a felony stop and took all the three suspects into custody without further incident. All the suspects were transported to Foothill Station and booked for 487(D) GTA and 10851 VC

taken vehicle w/o consent. All officers followed Department-approved pursuit tactics, policies and officers safety to take these suspects into custody. Officers are commended for outstanding observation, communications skills and teamwork with all the resources available for a safe ending.

### Foothill Detectives

Talking to some of the Detectives, I was advised that D-1 Martinez, #25426, has a very talented daughter. Her name is Adriana and she loves to paint abstract art. So far last year her artwork took first place in her age group in the Ventura Co PTA. Adriana's artwork was sent to be one of the finalists in State of California PTA competition. Good luck and we are all proud of you and your father.

### Congratulations

We all are happy to hear that one of our special officers, Rosa Garrett, delivered a healthy boy, Myles, early in the morning, February 1, 2001. He was 8 1/2 inches and weighed in at 7 lbs., 14 oz. Mother, child and father are doing great. A take-my-hat-off to Father Garrett. I would see him at the station about every day to make sure Rosa was okay and made dinner for her. If she needed anything, she would rush over to the station to deliver the item. Father Garrett, you're going to make a great father. You know how to give yourself to your family.

Also I worked with Officer David Fletcher the last day before his vacation and his wife expecting a child anytime. About every hour he would call his wife, would ask, "NOW" and she would reply "no not now". David did all day until the end of watch. Talk about nervous and being excited, he was all that and more. David, it's going to be okay, you will get through this wonderful time. God bless and good luck

### In and Outs

We are losing some outstanding officers and the divisions that they are in will be getting great leaders and officers. Lt. Steve Allen to Valley Traffic, Sgt. Blaine Blackstone to IAD, Sgt. Joe Flores to IAD, D-III Patty Ferguson to West Valley, D-1 Arce Dominguez to Devonshire. Good luck to all of you and we'll miss all of you. You all are welcome to come back.

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Central Traffic Division on  
New Year's Eve protecting  
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# VAN NUYS Happenings

## Van Nuys Division

Congratulations to Det. A. Lopez of Van Nuys Homicide Unit for receiving



Sgt. Martha Castaneda Civilian of the Quarter

Detective of the Year! Also congratulations to Det. D. Potter for Detective of the Quarter, Sgt. R. Hundermark for Sergeant of the Quarter, Senior Lead Officer R. Carpenter for Officer of the Quarter, Sgt. Martha Castaneda for Civilian of the Quarter.

## ON THE EASTERN HORIZON

by Ruben Rodriguez  
Hollenbeck Division

As March falls upon us, I wish all of you a happy St. Patrick's Day. Hope you have a fun-filled celebration, but please don't forget your designated driver.

### New Crime Fighting Technique?

I have it on good authority that one of our senior officers has recently developed a new technique to identify vandalism suspects. I have been told that on a recent evening our very own Officer Manny "the sniffing crime fighter" Andujo, in an effort to impress his new partner, developed a new way to "sniff" out bad guys. It seems that the officers



Sgt. Fred Kramer looking his administrative best.

received a radio call concerning vandalism suspects creating graffiti. When they arrived, the suspects were gone. Manny, in his infinite wisdom, decided that he had to find out who the culprits were that left the graffiti. So, as other astonished officers looked on, Manny walked up to the fresh paint and began to sniff it, in an apparent attempt to solve the crime. Now, I've looked through all my training materials but I've yet to find the one that teaches this technique. Manny, will you please put on a seminar and teach the rest of us your new methods so the rest

Well it seems that the homicide unit has a new D3. His name is Frankie Blue Eyes, and don't let his innocent face fool you. He is really a pit bull in disguise. Here is a picture of him cracking a case



Det. III Frankie Blue Eyes

right now. Speaking of pit bulls, who do we need more officers? During a recent HELP CALL, Officer J. Conrad was the only officer left in the station where he acted as w/c, aw/c, kit room, front desk, and media relations officer!! When everyone returned to the station and went home, I received overtime slips from everyone except Conrad. I am not sure if it's dedication or senility being the reason for him not turning in an over-

time slip, but anyway it's a job well done

Talking about jobs being well done, a senior detective got had by a junior detective. Seems the senior detective was halfway through a report about a suspect stealing all the water out of a swimming pool before he realized she got him. Well at least no one can say he blows off citizens

Officer D. Drulias is keeping busy working on the new timekeeping/subpoena control office which is located across from the Admin. Unit. Dan measured the room and after our desks, file cabinets, and computers are in place, the only way for Officers J. Rigney, M. Barnes, and myself to fit in the room is if all three of us lose several pounds. Maybe we can just get smaller desks

time since he left. Bob, drop us a line in between batting softballs

Ret. Lt. Dravitzus is now a chief of police in a town back east. Rumor has it that one of his officers did a traffic stop and made a big arrest of a wanted suspect. No, it was not a murder or narco suspect; it was much bigger—fishing with live worms. Yes, he was one wanted man. Good luck to lieutenant on his new appointment. Chief Dravitzus, keep you bad guys in your town

Active Reserve Officer K. Sheehy is keeping fit working out in the gym every day and drinking wine in her backyard with her husband. Active Retired Officer B. Sheehy, Brian left the department to pursue his flying career, and once he got hired on with an airline, Kim left the department. Both enjoy their new careers

### Old Timer Updates

Ret. Officer Bob Denton was in the station looking thin and relaxed, tuff like he was watching the deer walk across his back yard

Ret. Officer Steve Hostetter I hear is enjoying life in Arizona. Steve has a goatee, an earring, a 4-inch ponytail and traded in a black & white for a quad runner, which he rides six miles to the Elks Lodge for refreshments. Ret. Officer Bob Rose has not stepped foot in the sta-

In closing I would like all of us to remember the officers who are IOD and long-term sick. If you know any of these officers personally pick up the phone or drop a card just to let them know they are not forgotten. Van Nuys would also like to wish a speedy and healthy recovery to Officer Dax Martin's wife, Jennifer, who is dealing with some health issues of her own

Remember to give any noteworthy info for the *Blue Line* to me. STAY SAFE!

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### Baker to Vegas

The annual Challenge Cup Relay is just around the corner, so please don't forget that we still need support personnel. If you are not participating as a runner, we could use you for support. There are many areas where support is utilized, from driving one of the vans to "catching" runners at the various stages. See Austin Fernald for more information

the lovely Linda Jaime, who is now detecting crime at Southeast Division. Det. F. Arroyo is now serving the citizens of Hollywood. Last, but certainly not least, we bid farewell to Bike Officer R. Schatz, now investigating traffic collisions on the west side, assigned to

WTD. I wish all of you good luck in the future, wherever that future takes you

### Que Peso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Victor "Cheech" Marin. Take it nice and slow Cheech

## More Divisional Reporter on next page

## Because Your Life May Depend On It...

**Hola**  
We are pleased to welcome Lt. A. Barrera, who joins us from TRSG, where she was a Sgt. II. Lt. Barrera is now at the helm as the PM Watch Commander. Lt. Barrera, congratulations on your promotion and welcome to the east side. We also say hello to Det. M. Flynn, who also promoted into Hollenbeck from MSD, where he was a P-3. Det. J. Gutierrez is now assigned to our division, in front of Wilshire. We also welcome back Peter MacDonald, who returns to us following a stint at Narcotics Division. Let me be the first to officially welcome all of you to this great division of ours. You will all love it here.

### Adios

We hate to lose the good ones, but Lt. L. Prudeaux is now assigned to Newton Division. I don't blame him for leaving though, as it means a promotion to Lt. 2. Lt. Prudeaux, thanks for your great work while at Hollenbeck and congratulations



Det. Arroyo trying to get David Carbajal to understand a simple concept.

on your promotion. My friend, Joe "Cantinflas" Ramirez was also promoted and is now a Detective at 77th Division. Another officer promoted is



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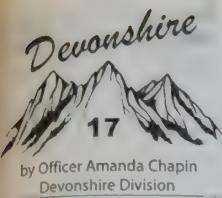
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## Homicide

On Dec. 7, at 11:20 hours, Devonshire Area patrol officers responded to a "ADW ambulance en route, shots fired" radio call at the Sunrise Jewelers Store at 8992 Tampa Blvd. When the officers arrived, they discovered the victim, 44-year-old Karo Zeytounyan, the owner of the business, lying unconscious inside the store. Paramedic personnel responded to render aid to the victim who sustained several gunshot wounds to the upper body. He was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene.

Simultaneous to this activity, other officers arriving in the vicinity of the jewelry store were directed by a witness to a male suspect wearing a brown colored trenchcoat walking towards a bank near the southwest corner of Tampa Ave. and Nordhoff Street. The officers, having monitored an additional radio broadcast describing one of the suspects wearing a brown colored trenchcoat, initiated a felony pedestrian stop. During this process and while directing the suspect to a prone position, the officers observed the suspect drop what appeared to be a silencer device onto the ground. During the search of the suspect, the officers removed a loaded 9mm handgun from an inside pocket of the trenchcoat and a live .22 caliber cartridge from his pants pocket. Witnesses to the murder positively identified this suspect within minutes of the crime. He was subsequently arrested and booked for murder.

An unloaded .22 caliber semi-automatic handgun believed to be the murder weapon was recovered in some bushes on the southwest corner of Tampa Ave. and Nordhoff St. at the time of the suspect's arrest. The silencer device he dropped onto the ground retained a male-threaded end that conformed to a female-threaded end of the .22 caliber semi-auto handgun. The live .22 caliber cartridge removed from the suspect's pants pocket is of the same caliber and brand of seven expended cartridges recovered within the confines of the Sunrise Jewelry Store.

Initially, the robbery appeared to have been the motive; however, no money or jewelry appears to have been taken. According to eyewitnesses, at least two other suspects participated in the crime. One of the suspects remained outside of the jewelry store while the primary suspect and his confederates are believed to be members of the "Armenian Mafia" and the precise motive for this attack is unknown. The possibility that the sus-

pect and his co-principals who have not been identified may be involved in similar crimes remains under investigation. The District Attorney's Office filed one count of 187(A)PC Murder with special circumstances.

Good job to all the officers involved!

## Homicide

On Tuesday, December 26, at 2142 hours, Devonshire Area officers responded to the 15200 block of Acre St regarding a possible "ADW with shots fired" radio call. The officers arrived within minutes at the location but were unable to locate a victim or witness. At 2156 hours, Devonshire Area officers responded to Mission Community Hospital regarding an "ADW shots fired, just occurred" radio call. When the officers arrived, they learned that two female citizens observed the victim attempting to crawl to his car, which was parked at 15200 Acre St. The victim handed his car keys to the females who then transported the victim to the hospital in the victim's vehicle. The victim was pronounced dead by the attending physician resulting from a gunshot wound to the upper body.

The officers checked the area of 15200 block of Acre St. and learned from the residents that two unknown male individuals were seen running from

Hills area where Columbus Street gang members are known to congregate. The CLEAR and SEA personnel were directed to spend the majority of their time along the 9000 block of Columbus Ave and Rayen St. where this gang is most active.

The CLEAR Enforcement Team and the CLEAR Probation Officers have been conducting probation searches at the homes of Columbus Street and Langdon Street gang members. During the last six weeks, they have incarcerated ten active gang members, who are now doing time in probation camps.

CLEAR officers have been diligently working the east portion of the division (particularly the 8800 block of Tobias Ave.) in effort to address the increase of black gang member activity at this location. The CLEAR officers have also been collaborating with the Senior Lead Officers in an effort to obtain trespass letters on several of the apartment buildings on Tobias Ave. This month, CLEAR personnel made six gang-related arrests on Tobias Ave. Moreover, Officers **Emerrick** and **Magers**, completed three 3.19 reports to address the narcotic activity involving these gang members.

## Holiday Party

The Holiday Party was a smashing success, thanks to all who attended. A good time was to be had. Pictured dancing



Cathy & Joe Curreri, Nancy Crossley & Mike Major, Joe & Phyllis Losorelli

the area shortly after several gunshots were heard.

The victim is identified as a 19-year-old resident of Van Nuys and a member of the "Columbus Street Gang." The motive for the murder may have been gang motivated or narcotics related as the 15200 block of Acre St. is beleaguered with narcotic sales and gang related activity. The identity of the suspect(s) is unknown and the case remains under investigation.

## Devonshire CLEAR Unit

The Devonshire CLEAR personnel, in conjunction with the Devonshire Special Enforcement Unit (SEU), have been targeting specific locations in the North

ing the night away is our Captain, **Joseph Curreri** and his wife, **Cathy**, Nancy Crossley and her beau, **Mike**

**Majors**, and Sgt. **Joseph Losorelli** and his wife, **Phyllis**

## Engagement

Congratulations to Senior Lead Officer **Adrian Torres**. He popped the big question on December 2, 2000. His



Officer Adrian Torres & Sandra Menchaca engagement

new bride-to-be is Sandra Menchaca. They will wed June 22, 2002

## Baby News

Congratulations to Sgt. **Malinowski**, #30959, and his wife, **Debra**. They are proud parents of **Emily Malinowski**, born 1/12/01, weighing in at 6 lbs., 11 oz.

## Hello & Goodbyes

Warm welcome to Officer **Fuentes**, L #35607, Officer **Richey**, O #35737, Officer **Wheeler**, J #35748, Officer **Peters**, J #31315, Officer **Boyce**, A #26281 (welcome back), Officer **Antonio**, A #33892, Officer **Skett**, W #35388, Officer **Ward**, T #23401, Officer **Ramirez**, J #32122, Officer **Aleman**, A #35750, Officer **Vasquez**, L #35777

Farewell to Officer **Robinson**, B #24143, sliding to OCVB, Officer **Smalling**, R #26805, taking a trip to Rampart, Officer **Bertsch**, M #25468, going to Valley Bureau, Officer **Area**, E #32337, and Officer **Saenz**, A #34243, taking the high road to Training Division. And last, but not least, congratulations to Officer **Verna**, B #35391, living a dream at Valley Traffic.

Remember to all who have left. Devonshire will always be home!

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# 1 Northeast Corner

by Susan Loera  
Northeast Division

### Commendable Copper: Mike Jinks

This edition of the Northeast article is going to be a little different than usual. **Mike Jinks** has been a part of our lives for so long. To call him a friend is not enough. Mike is family to us all. He has been a part of Northeast AM watch for such a long time. Not seeing him on the back dock upsets the balance of the day. I am sure that he thinks of Northeast as a

Hollenbeck Division. He wheeled to Central Division on January 24, 1974. On February 16, 1975, Mike transferred over to Northeast Division. Mike has been at Northeast Division for the past 26 years. On September 9, 1990, Mike took over a P-3 spot at Northeast. He continued training probationers on AM watch until this holiday season. He has spent his career doing what he loves to do—working the field. Mike has made a life out of patrol. Mike is an outstanding officer, yet he has never been one to brag about his career. He not only has touched the Northeast employees, but also the citizens in the area. Mike has assisted so many of the citizens of Los Angeles that his commendable copper capers are endless. If the job wasn't enough, Mike also spent much of his time working many other jobs. With two daughters, Jody and Jenny, and his wife, Mary, he needed the money!

Mike was planning to retire in July. While planning his retirement, Mike got



Officer Jinks, bright eyed for his new career. '73



1988, 15 years and still has most of his hair!



In 1999 Mike has a little less hair, but a lot more friends.

second home. (Unless we include his mobile home parked up at Paddingstone, then we come in third.) He is a brother to all of us. He has a warm heart and sense of charm about him that only he can have. I hope Mike will still keep in contact with us. He seems to always be on the go and I can't see him sitting at home for long. So, I know that we soon will be able to find him back up at his mobile home, enjoying the life that he was meant to have.

Mike Jinks, #17830, has been with the Department for many years. On March 18, 1973, after his days at the academy, Mike was assigned probation at

hit with a bad bug, putting him out sick. Like many others we all know, Mike has been battling the big "C". He has spent his holiday season with his family, facing the medical challenge ahead of them. Mike has been going through more medical treatments during the last few months than we could imagine. He has been reported to be doing well. He's facing the challenges in a way that only Mike is able. The fight is hard and challenging for Mike and his family. Mike, Mary and their daughters are going to need support from the LAPD family.

Mike is a perfect picture of how we should live our lives. Mike is a hard

worker. He is full of spirit and full of heart . . . sometimes he is full of %@#%. As Mike says, "What the h\*!!" He is like a hyper child that does not want to stop. We know if he is not at work, he is off doing some other activity. Mike has been known to spend much of his time enjoying life. He does not harp over what has been. He enjoys what is. Mike's leaving work is a loss to the Department and the citizens in the city.

Mike, we all miss you here at work and we all send our love to you and to your family. We all want to send out a special recognition to you for touching all our lives with happiness, joy and a lot of laughter. You have helped many of us develop into better people by knowing you and letting us view your spirited personality. I wish that I could only do the same for others. You have made a positive influence on all of us. Thank you, Mike! Telling you best wishes is not enough. All your friends and family at Northeast Division love and miss you. We are all reaching out to you and letting you know how much you are a part of all of us. Please come to us if you need anything. We love ya, man!

### Officer Needs Help!

What does that mean to you? What does through your heart when you hear that on the rover? When the RTO tells us that an officer needs help, all else stops. Thoughts go through our minds of the worst scenario possible. If we are able, we drop all we are doing and the day changes. We go en route to the location and assist in any way we are able. If we can't go to the scene, we listen for, "Code 4, all officers accounted for."

If you know someone with cancer or if you have it yourself, may you and yours be blessed with all glory the world can offer. I have lost people close to me with cancer and I have friends that are survivors. I am close to many that are faced with the heartache of watching their loved ones go through the hard times. As officers we tend to hold our heads up and show no emotion. We know this is to help us get through the day and able to handle whatever comes our way. Hold your head up, but don't forget to let

those around you know that you care. It goes a long way. Make sure you always let others know how you feel, we never know what tomorrow holds for us.

What would you do to help another officer? Many of us at Northeast want to do what we can to help the Jinks family. If you want to add your help, join in with us. The Northeast family is planning on putting a helping hand out to one of our own. Mike is going through a lot and his family could use some assistance from his LAPD family. Any donations possibly to help out the Jinks family are greatly appreciated. (Don't tell Mike; he is too proud to ask for help.)

Please send any donations to: **Mike Jinks, c/o Mike Gilbert, Northeast Station, 3353 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90065**

### Comings and Goings

Other than Mike taking sick time away from us, we are also losing a lot of other good people. **Lt. Biersborn** has worked with us for a little over a year and now he is leaving us for Central Division. Det. **Kathy Brooks** is off to Foothill. P-III **Jesse Sanchez** is also off to Central and following him is Officer **Javier Navarro**. Sgt. Ponce is going to Jail Division (Ugh!).

Promoting to P-III is Officer **Pablo Vitar**. Guess Northeast lost out on that one. Pablo, did you check with SAG and see if it's okay to work in Hollywood without their approval? Det. II **Zimmerman** is now a 7th Sergeant. Making detectives are Officer **Padilla** in Hollywood, Officer **Mattingly** in Southwest and Officer **S. Martinez** in Wilshire. Officer **Abrams** is now a P-II in West Valley. Det. **Michelson** is now Det. II in IAG. (Remember we really like you a lot, Stuart!) Congratulations to you all.

We are welcoming to Northeast Det. **Rauch** from West Valley, Sgt. **Jackson** and Sgt. **Matsumoto** from IAG, Det. **French** from North Hollywood, and from Southwest is Det. **Lenchuk**. Lt. **Rudinsky** is coming to us from Rampart. How could I forget, Officer **S. Loera** is coming from Wilshire. You know this means you get all my 1.28s.

## VTD Voice



by Kurt Garcia  
Valley Traffic Division

Deft's wallet and opened it in front of him. In the wallet was a plastic baggy with cocaine. The Deft began to laugh and said, "That's cocaine for me!"

Rausch searched the Deft's car and found a loaded 9mm Beretta under the driver's seat. But the gun was cold and there weren't any spent casings on the ground. Envelopes with pictures of people along with cards resembling DMV ID, Social Security & Immigration cards were also found. The ashtray was searched and 3 live rounds from a .22 caliber was located.

A search was conducted in the parking lot and a .22 cal revolver was found. The revolver had 5 expended & 1 live rounds. The Deft was booked for discharging a firearm. Great job to Brian McClary and the Duce watch team!

### Photo Red Light

The next PRL I/S has been selected at Victory Blvd & Laurel Canyon. It will start issuing citations by March 1.

### Summer Picnic 2001

VTD is hosting an ALL TRAFFIC PICNIC. All traffic divisions are invited including retirees! We are looking to host this party sometime late July to mid August. The location, price, and the specifics are TBA. CTD, WTD & STD have told me they were interested. By next month, everything will be set and tickets should be for sale. Hope to see you there!

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# SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

## LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow  
LAPRAAC's Sports Beat Editor

Every year it seems the March issue finds us looking around to see if Rod Serling is lurking behind a half-shut door. Yes . . . once again we're in the "Twilight Zone," where athletic event schedules and press deadlines crisscross like ships adrift in the Bermuda Triangle.

An example . . . this year's intradepartmental basketball season ended in mid-February (a week past our deadline), and the Captain Al Nelson Tournament is currently underway. While the Amazing Kreskin or Karnac the Magnificent might be able to figure it out, we're at a loss. (Some of you old-timers may have to help the kids and explain who they are.)

So we'll try to get everyone up to date on what's coming up in the next few months. As always, up-to-the-minute information can be found on LAPRAAC's Sports Beat Info Line, (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

### Dinkers Eleven???

No, we're not talking about a remake of the famous "Rat Pack" movie from the '60s. Paul von Lutzow's 77th Street Power Pigs are hoping to heist their eleventh straight victory at the upcoming Spring Bench Press competition. The event takes place on Friday, March 16,

0900 hours, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym.

If you'd like to individually, there's still plenty of time to make plans. Weigh-ins are Thursday, March 15, 0900-1600 hours. Registration is now underway and latecomers will be able to register on weigh-in day. If your unit or division wants to put together a team (3 to 40 people) and try and stop the Porcine Parade, rosters are due by 1600 on the Ides of March. Applications are available in department weight rooms and LAPD Athletic Director's office next to the Credit Union at the Elysian Park Academy.

For more info, contact Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

### There's No Crying in Softball

Following a very successful captains meeting last month, LAPD roundballers are making preparations to start off the 2001 intradepartmental softball season. Wednesday, March 21, has been set for a round-robin pre-season tournament at Hjelte Park on Burbank Boulevard in Sepulveda Basin.

League play is expected to start the second week of April and run through mid-June. The season culminates with the Red Davis Tournament for the department championship. Joe Oliveri will return from retirement to coordinate this year's program.

For more info on the pre-season tournament, call Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219 or the Sports Beat Info Line at ext. 800.

### Maybe We'll See Annette and Frankie

For the fifth straight year Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey has been confirmed as the location for the LAPD Memorial Run and Relay. The 23rd annual event, held this year in special memory of Harbor Officer Robert Mata, will be held Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from the race benefit the Family Support Group.

New this year is a one-mile "Walk with the Chief," incorporated with the "Munchkin Mile" for kids age 12 and under. Entry fee (includes a t-shirt) is \$15 for the one-milers, \$25 for the individual 5K, and \$125 per team for the 25K relay.

Applications are now available throughout the department, and one will appear in the April issue of *The Thin Blue Line*. For additional details, contact the LAPD Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

### Calling All Parrots

This is for BAD's Lou Koven and any other fellow Promethians out there in LAPD-land. We've officially reached middle age. . . . The Poly High class of 1971 will celebrate its 30-year reunion on Saturday, September 29, at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. For details, check out the Web site at [www.poly71.50megs.com](http://www.poly71.50megs.com). (And no comments on the class pictures—we all

look like those hippies on "Dragnet" or "Adam-12"!)

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If you have kids, then you know Spring Break is only a few weeks off. LAPRAAC can help you get more "quality" out of your "quality time" with discount tickets to most Southern California attractions. Information on locations and prices is available by calling (323) 221-5222. Tickets can be purchased at LAPRAAC stores at the Elysian Park Academy and Recruit Training Center.

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Bread and Roses Café: Serves more than 150 free hot meals each day in a café-style restaurant.

Homeless Day Center: Provides showers, laundry, telephone and mail service, case management and referrals to shelters and other community-support services.

Monetary Advisory: Helps homeless mentally ill persons obtain and manage life's basic necessities, such as housing and government benefits.

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*This tournament is formerly known as the "Manos Arriba Golf Classic."*

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## L.A.P.R.A.A.C. Golf Club - First Tournament of 2001

by Det. Doris Andrews

On January 19th, the L.A.P.R.A.A.C. Golf Club held their 2001 opening tournament at Cascades Golf Course. The morning started out cold and windy, but by the first tee time the sun came out and the wind died down. It was a beautiful day on the golf course!

Ten teams competed. The team with the lowest gross score was West Valley Gary Hallden, Randal Bradberry, Mark Chong and Paul Ervin, who shot a 305. In second place was the Devonshire team: Pat Russell, Jim Antenucci, Chad Butler and Damien Gutierrez, with a score of 306. The third place team is from West Traffic: Mike Davis, Pete Sanchez, Chris Smythe and Mike Marsolek, who shot a 312.



First Place Team from West Valley, Mark Chong, Paul Ervin, Randal Bradberry and Gary Hallden

The individual winner for the lowest gross score was Nick Pikor, who shot a

73. Steven Estrada shot the lowest net score of 68.

Big prizes were paid to the closest to the pin winners. Shawn Duke, Nick Pikor and Sal Jaramillo Lamar Bell won the men's longest drive and Kerri Brown won the women's longest drive. My hardy congratulations to all our winners!!

The next L.A.P.R.A.A.C. Golf Club tournament will be held at Harding Golf Course, Griffith Park, on March 9th. The cart and green fees will be \$45. For information and signups, please contact the Golf Club



L.A.P.R.A.A.C. Golf Club Board of Directors for 2001. From left to right: Club Chairman Sal Jaramillo of West Traffic Division, Club Secretary, Doris Andrews of Organized Crime and Vice Division, Handicap Chairman Kerri Brown of Hollywood Division Detectives and Tournament Director Damien Gutierrez of Devonshire Vice.

Tournament Director, Sgt. Damien Gutierrez at (818) 756-8279, ext. 2, at Devonshire Vice. Just a reminder, to anyone who hasn't paid, your 2001 L.A.P.R.A.A.C. Golf Club dues are due. Thanks

## 17th Annual Baker to Vegas Relay Only Five Weeks Away

More than 4,000 runners are training to take part in this year's Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, slated for the weekend of April 7-8. The Y2K winner, California Highway Patrol, has been working furiously towards becoming the first team outside the Los Angeles Police or Sheriff's Departments to repeat as champions. Working just as hard to knock them off the hill are last year's top finishers, Metro Division's Red Team, LASD Special Enforcement Bureau, LASD's Bunker Street Runners, and San Diego Police.

At our press deadline, 30 LAPD squads (consisting of 20 runners each) are signed up for the duel in the desert: Air Support/Training, Anti-Terrorist/Parker Center, Communications, Central/Central Traffic/Operations, Central Bureau, DARE, Devonshire, Foothill, Harbor, Hollenbeck, Hollywood, Management Services, Metro Blue, Metro Red, Narcotics Group, Newton, North Hollywood, Northeast, Pacific/West Traffic, Rampart, Reserves, Retired, 77th Street, South Traffic, Southeast, Southwest, Transit Group, Van Nuys.

West Los Angeles, West Valley and Wilshire. Two other squads representing West Traffic and LAPD Women may also participate.

Among their opponents will be 27 teams from the L.A. Sheriff's Department, eight from various Federal Bureau of Investigation offices and five representing the San Diego Police Department. Two international teams race this year—Calgary Police Services, from the Canadian province of Alberta, has been a regular race participant. Coming across the Pacific Ocean for their initial race is a hearty group representing Queensland Police Services in Australia.

We'll have a final pre-race article in next month's The Thin Blue Line. For further information on the race, contact Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219, or e-mail race coordinators at [bakervegas@aol.com](mailto:bakervegas@aol.com). Additional race details can also be found on the Baker to Vegas Web site: [www.bakervegas.com](http://www.bakervegas.com).

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## LAPD Motocross Team

By Rich Swisher

Welcome back race fans! After the season ending Christmas break, the LAPD Mudslingers Motocross team is back in the swing of that MX thing! We have several new sponsors to add to the list of generous supporters of our racing and good will efforts. SIDI boots, WISECO pistons, IMS racing, and SMITH optics have lent their support for



The Team, well most of it anyway

From left to right, top row: Ofcr James Linder, Ofcr Doug Wilson, Ofcr Stuart Lomax, Ofcr Andy Vergara, Ofcr Erin Larsen, Ofcr Sean Malachi, Ofcr Paul Menchaca, Ofcr Dan Hadfield, Ofcr Rob Cosner. Bottom Row: Ofcr Phil Walters, Ofcr Angel Gomez, Ofcr Rob Plourde, Capt Charlie Beck, SLO Bob Bishop, Ofcr Ryan Basaker, Ofcr Mike Kilpatrick, Ofcr Rich Swisher, Retired Ofcr Vic Curti

our 2001 efforts and hopefully for many years to come. We are also more than happy to welcome back FMF racing, TROY LEE DESIGNS, ACERBIS, MAXIMA racing oils, BELL helmets, TWISTED THREADS casual clothing, PRO ACTION suspension, and FACTORY 909. The generous help the Mudslingers receive from these companies, our team wouldn't be the huge success that it is today. To recap last year, the team collectively won FOUR NATIONAL MOTOCROSS TITLES, and enough medals to completely cover one of those display cases up at the academy that we have...our...eye...on. Mudslingers have also left their mark on local CMC, District 37, Golden State Championships, Vintage Iron Championships, and Veteran National Championships too. This year we are kickin' it up a notch and increasing our efforts to global proportions. We will be contesting the World Police and Fire Games in Indianapolis pitting our skills

and nerve against riders from all over the world. We are also racing a Fire & Police Motocross National benefit race in Ohio this summer that already has NYPD nervous and talkin' smack about us. We have grown accustomed to this tough, as we have been the mark for others to shoot for the last two years. Even the recruitment department has taken note. They took a team photo to display at their booth, and set up a booth at the EA

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The results are in and the first winners of the "Troy Lee Designs, Mudslinger of the Month Award" are two young riders that just did their first MX race. The winners are Armando and Andrew, the sons of Ofcr George Castro/West LA Area. Armando and Andrew just raced a Grand Prix, team style race at Glen Helen which was their first ever race. Each guy reportedly went down in the muddy terrain two or three times, but there were no injuries and the two are hopelessly hooked on racing. Congrats to you Armando and Andrew. Your reward is that you can place a one-time order directly to Troy Lee Designs for whatever you want and only have to pay the team price! This award will be given out every couple of months to any non-team member that sends in a reason why they deserve the award. The savings you will receive could be worth hundreds of dollars. Some examples of deserving reasons are: first time riding a bicycle, first wheelie, big crash, or whatever else you all think of. Send your photos and stories to Ofcr Swisher at ATD for you, or your kid's chance to win.

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# RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

A grand hello from all of us former LAPD folks residing on the Central Coast. Well, it's still winter, but the recent rains have brought the green out in the hills and valleys and the warm weather has made it feel like it's spring already. What a great place to live.

Our next Fuzz gathering will have a new twist. Due to the efforts of **Tom and Dorie Zwinger**, we are going to come together and break bread in beautiful Avila Beach. Tom and Dorie, along with **Al Schlockier**, are members of the San Luis Yacht Club and it has been reserved for us Fuzz Folks in March. It will be a day of great fellowship.

As you may know, beautiful Avila Beach has been the center of controversy over the recent years when oil was discovered under a resident's property when he was doing some construction. Now that might seem like a rewarding discovery (remember the *Beverly Hillbillies*), but it seems that Unocal Oil Company, who had been pumping oil out of the area over the past 50 years had a leak in one of their main pipelines. It unfortunately created an enormous mess under the beach and the surrounding area. After a multitude of lawsuits and political maneuvering, Unocal agreed to clean up the area with a multi-million dollar project. The project was completed in three phases and many of the businesses along the beachfront at the '50s era funky beach were eliminated in the process. The Yacht Club that stood at the beginning of the Avila Pier was removed, stored and finally replaced during the renovation project. The neat thing was that the project was completed on schedule and is now open to the public. It is amazing what private industry can do when it is put to the task. The renovations have made the beach an exciting place to visit. Some of the atmosphere of the funky beach has remained; however, many new features have created an entirely different feeling when visiting.

The ocean view set against the backdrop of the San Luis Bay is breathtaking.

The surrounding area is engulfed with beautiful rolling hills containing a superb 18-hole golf course and beautiful sandy beach. Down the road a mile or so is Port San Luis, a fishing and boating community where **Judy** and I recently took our grandson, **Ryan**, out for a whale watching trip. The excursion was a rewarding one as about nine miles off shore, we came along side six California gray whales surging through the blue ocean water, headed for the warmer Mexican waters. They seemed to move effortlessly and quietly in their journey south. When their massive flutes would appear, they would begin deep dive and would soon return to the surface, blowing massive amounts of water from their spouts.

Another interesting spot is the nearby Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant. Say, what? Yeah, this controversial power plant has endured a lot of turmoil over the years. However, when the lights started going out, it suddenly became a good friend as it puts out mega amounts of electricity. Interesting how things change overnight.

OK, what does all this mean? Avila Beach is the place to be for our Fuzz folks, family and friends, as we will have time to hang around and chat during the afternoon. The critical information follows:

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2001.  
Time: Social hour 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon.

Place: San Luis Yacht Club at the foot of the pier at Avila Beach.

Cost: \$14 per landlubber, same low price as last year.

Features: Chicken breast picatta with rice pilaf, vegetables, dessert and coffee.

Guest Speaker: **Jack Halstead**, famous LAPD pension expert.

Any questions, contact **Tom Zwinger** at 805-474-4125. See you at the beach.

KMA

## SABLA—Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Roy Kerton

Chairman Ed announced the following events to put on your calendar:

Sunday, May 20, 2001: arrangements underway to have our "Spring Fling" Bar-B-Q within the gated community of Greenstone. The food, as in the past years, will be catered by the award winning "Back Forty" restaurant, with lots of tasty food. Ed and his wife, Cindy, always put a lot of work into making this event a great afternoon of enjoyment for all. Plan to attend!!

Thursday, December 20, 2001: annual SABLA Christmas party at the Sun City Lodge in Roseville. Ask any of the 50 people that attended the event last year and they will tell you about lots of great food and gifts for all. Thanks again Ed and Cindy for putting it all together.

Chairman Ed suggested the possibility of members engaging in some "part time" golfing, perhaps after one of our monthly meetings. Gene DeCrona agreed to inquire into the availability and costs involved and present the information at the next meeting.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Keep up the good work!!

## LOS ANGELES RETIRED FIRE & POLICE ASSOCIATION

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When: April 4, 2001

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Coffee and donuts will be served.

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## Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

Our first golf tournament and mixer of 2001 was held Feb. 9 at Cathedral Canyon Country Club hosted by **Aaron and Lyn Montaño**. Thirty-two golfers were challenged by a "no pressure" format created by the devious minds of Aaron and Lyn. Well, we survived, but if you ever hear the words "no pressure" spoken by either one of the Montaños RUN. Of course, it helps if you happen to have one of them on your team. We both did, and it certainly made our games easier.

After golf we met at the home of Lyn's mother in Indian Wells for a Hawaiian buffet and mixer. She fit over 50 of us in her beautiful home with room to spare. Thank you, Virginia, for your hospitality. It was wonderful.

**Al Fried** brought the meeting to order and welcomed first-time visitors **Al and Sherry Santor**. The Santors both retired from Van Nuys Division where Al was Watch Commander and Sherry worked Detectives. It was good to have them with us and hope they come back.

Also joining us were our resident "snow-birds," **Jack and Deane Garrison** down from Oregon. Cliff Hodge and Charlie Dahlburg managed to find time to join us between "casino-hopping." **Joe Van Fleet, Don Vincent, and Terry Hunter** were a few more whom we hadn't seen for a while.

Lyn Montaño got everyone's attention in her own inimitable way and proceeded to announce the day's golf awards.

First place (after a card off) with a score of 70, went to Joe Van Fleet, Aaron Montaño and **Elayne Gray**. They each received an engraved first place medal AND a golf bag. How about that for a class event! Second place (under protest) was **Don Stagnaro, Cliff Hodge, Charlene Reming and Merv Cooper**. Third with a 72 was **Sandy Palmer, Larry DeLoosh, Sandy Watson and Ken Boden**. Last, but certainly not least under this format, were **Ron Ellena, Jay Snow, Yolanda Villanueva and Jim Murphy** with 75.

**Yolie Villanueva** and Lyn Montaño won Closest-to-the-Pin (ladies). Closest to the Pin (men) went to Ken Boden. Longest Drive (men) was won by Ken Boden and Longest Drive (ladies) went to Lyn Montaño and **Bonnie Ellena**. Other prizes (for many, many reasons) went to Al Fried, George Avans, Dick King and **Quint Villanueva**. We'll let them explain.

If you're a desert-dweller (or visitor), make sure Sandy Palmer has your name, address and e-mail address. She is putting together the 2001 roster and needs that information to keep us all informed of coming events. Contact her at 818-349-3161 or e-mail [CVBLUELINE@aol.com](mailto:CVBLUELINE@aol.com). Membership is a mere \$5 per year and well worth it.

Our next tournament and mixer will be hosted by Al and Sharon Fried at Woodhaven Country Club on March 30th. We have an awful lot of fun and would sure like to share it with you. \*

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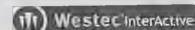
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## RETIREMENT NEWS

### Central Arizona Blue Line Assn.

by Howard Barnes

We're back!! We have some good news... and some bad news

We had a meeting Saturday, January 20 at Tivoli's restaurant in Sun City, Arizona, but we only had 21 people show up. For the ones that did not make it, you missed a fine time and a nice lunch for only \$6.50 and a lot of good conversations thrown in for free

The member that came the farthest was Dick McCormick from Sun Lakes, a 93-mile roundtrip but our oldest member who is 98 years old walked the place (three blocks)—that was Leo Wilson.

Now for the bad news. J.P. Nelson, our president, said he has to give up the presidency because of work schedule. After getting this started and all the work, he feels he just doesn't have the time to devote to the Club. So we elected a new president (Railroad). Jim

Glenson accepted after a lot of arm twisting, and Paul "Bud" Holmes as his backup. Ron Hardman is still Treasurer and Howard & Grace Barnes will stay on as Secretary, and Dick McCormick as Publicity. Our dues are now \$7 per household.

Our Arizona area is so large that we will try and move around a little, so we are trying for Show Low for the next meeting scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>, or a picnic at White Mtn. Park, near Phoenix. Members in attendance were: J. P. Nelson, Howard & Grace Barnes, Richard Canady, Jim & Gladys Gleason, Ron Hardman, Bud & Verna Holmes, James & Kathy Johnson, Roy & Rachael Lang, Dick McCormick, Norman & Loris Massow, Judy Nelson, Richard & Carole Pooler, Leo Wilson and George Winkle.

So thanks to all who came and made it a very nice day. Hope to see a lot more of you at the June meeting.

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### Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on March 21, 2001, at "The Lamplighter Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. For those that have never attended, our menu consists of a couple of lunch entries, salads and breakfast in the price range of six to eight dollars.

We had 36 at the January 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon. The following were present: Bob (7839) & Genie Baker, John Becker (5059), Barney Bobonich (3861), Ken (3336) & Shirley Brondell, Ted Debs (6808), Jim Davis (14365), Emmett Drennen (3279), Ray Elmer (5607), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Fedderson (4823), Bob Fritz (4583), Jack Gerson (5727), Mel Harner (4501), Carl Hegge (6234), Glen Kalley (3503), Tom Lindholm (4734), Boris Meneghelli (3522), Lou Netza (7655), Paul Nicholas (4047), Les Nolte (10821), Ray Palaszewski (6934), Milton Porterfield (7559), Ben Reineke (3190), Dale Rickards (3593), Guy Schlotzhauser (2804), Ted Spruill (7737), Stuart Stremsterfer (4394), Jim Swiston (4654), Wally Tallant (4396), Bob Thomas, Jim Trax (6185).

Earl Wells (6297), Marion Yates, and Dennis Zine (14428). This was the first time Bob Thomas, an Oxnard office friend of Bill Fedderson, Shirley Brondell (wife of Ken), Milton Porterfield and Dennis Zine have attended our gathering of Retired Officers and friends.

Some of our regular attendees at our December meeting expressed a desire to have someone from the Protective League present us with information about the current status of the Department. Dennis Zine was contacted and was able to attend. Since Dennis has been on the job for 32 years, he had worked with several of those present at this meeting. Working conditions of yesterday were compared to those of the present time and I think most, if not all, of us old retirees would not want to be working under the present conditions. I am not going into details as the described in the Blue Line articles by the board members. We are hoping Dennis will attend again as the city councilman from our third district.

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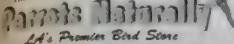
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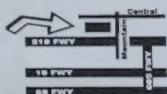
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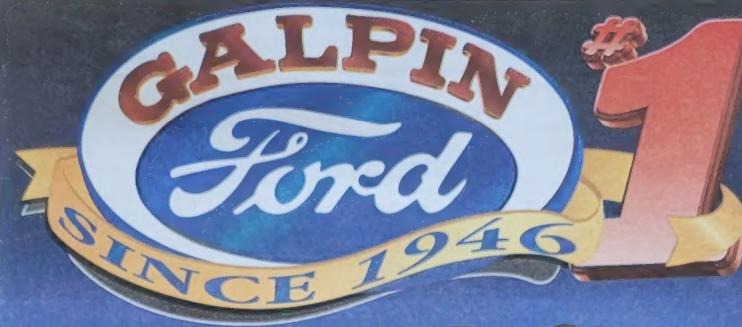
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